College gets $$$

The new year brought both federal and provincial grants to the college.

The school of technology received a $398,000 federal grant to buy state-of-the-art equipment. For details of this and other grants, see page 11.

Start year off losing

All Knights' teams started the new year poorly as all teams faced losses.

Women's basketball got nipped by the Fanshawe Falcons; men's basketball were creamed by the Seneca Braves.

The hockey team lost a 5-3 decision to the Sheridan Bruins. See pages 14 and 15 for stories.

Student Centre

Niagara News takes an in-depth look at the operation of a student centre. Mixed views by students on a proposed centre, the expenses of running a lounge, and Mohawk's present and future plans for a centre are all examined. For stories see pages 6 and 7.

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Susan Kmita, second-year journalism student, proudly pledges to quit smoking cold turkey by Jan. 25. Wouldn't it be great if Niagara College defeated all the municipalities in the Great Niagara Cold Turkey Challenge?
See story page 3. (Photo by Don Bernard)

NC group to meet Chinese premier

By RENATA DINNOCENZO
Staff Writer

A Niagara College delegation is to meet Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, the first Chinese premier to visit Canada, on Friday.

"This is a real coup for Niagara College," Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said.

The delegation includes the three students from China who are attending Niagara this year—*Chen Wei, Chang Shi Yi and Li Wei Ning*. They are being trained in business.

Joining them will be Dr. Nora McCardell, director of educational and student services, who will represent Jacqueline Robarts, college president; Nicole Vigeant, coordinator of international education; and Hans van der Slagt, coordinator of the Chengdu project.

The Chengdu project involves training the three Chinese, who, after their 18-month stay, will train teachers, managers, directors and supervisors at the Chengdu Management Centre in Chengdu, Sichuan, Republic of China. They, in turn, will train their students and workers.

The Chinese students will be introduced to the premier and will present him with a summary press release—translated by them into Chinese—on what they are doing at Niagara College.

The Niagara delegation is among 25 guests of the provincial government and the Niagara Parks Commission invited to the 2 p.m. reception at the Commissioner's Quarters.

Security will be tight, as those attending have been subjected to searches by the RCMP.

Mr. Zanutto along with Rosemary Kuhnigk, executive secretary to Mr. van der Slagt, were instrumental in setting up the attendance of the Niagara College delegation in Niagara Falls.

Premier Zhao, in Canada to address a joint session of Parliament, is also expected to visit Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

Red Cross

All types popular at this clinic

BY SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

Students and faculty of Niagara College will be able to give the gift of life at the college's annual blood donor clinic on Jan. 26 in the gymnasium.

The clinic, organized by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) and the Welland Chapter of the Red Cross, will be held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

People who intend to give blood should have a good breakfast on that day and refrain from alcoholic beverages for at least 24 hours before donating.

Female donors must be at least 18 and male donors at least 17 and with written permission from parents or guardians.

MOVES TO GYM

In the past, the clinic was set up in front of the Hamilton room, but since space is limited there, it will be moved to the gym this year for more cots to be set up and to cut waiting time.

Pop and juice will be offered to students before they donate with doughnuts and coffee after.

The program with the highest percentage participation rate at the clinic will be awarded the Corpsuckle Cup.

Last year, students in the ambulance and emergency care program obtained a 63.4 per cent registration rate to win the cup.

MORE AWARDS

Denis Noel, SAC president, said he hopes there will be more awards this year. There may be an award "for the person who passes out first."

Eugene Maltais, political science instructor, promotes the Corpsuckle Cup. He said posters will be put up, a vampire will go around the college and three Corpsuckle Cuties will be going to most lounges and meeting places doing a kickline to promote the cup throughout the week of the clinic. Mr. Maltais said he will be promoting challenges among the classes.

"I think it's really symbolic in giving blood. You're not asked to give money, food or old clothes, but you're asked to give part of yourself. I think it gives new meaning to the phrase, 'Lend a helping hand'."

Pop is being donated by Coca Cola, juice by SAC, coffee by Niagara Frontier Caterers, and Tim Horton Donuts with SAC will be donating doughnuts.

NC receives $588,500

Niagara College has been awarded a skills growth fund grant of $588,500 from the federal government, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

"We're really pleased about it," and hope the school will "get it operational as soon as possible," she said.

Niagara received the fourth highest grant among Ontario colleges after George Brown, Conestoga and Lambton. In fact, "only 12 of 22 colleges got anything," Miss Robarts said.

Of the $588,500, $398,000 will be applied to the industrial instrumentation laboratory, while $190,500 will be used for computer numerical control machinery at Welland campus.

Last year, the first year of the fund, Niagara got $1.6-million for its welding facility. The college will "keep applying for more," Miss Robarts said.

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SAC plans

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) plans to establish a steering committee to keep continuity in its drive for a student centre.

Denis Noel, SAC president, said the committee will be made up of faculty, administration, alumni and students to ensure the goal of a student centre is carried on in the future.

Denis said the student centre should be separate from existing college buildings rather than in Manera Court as originally planned. This would eliminate any complaints about noise and there would be no problems in gaining access after school hours.

He said SAC has $94,000 for the project which is expected to cost about $770,000. SAC is proposing an increase in student fees and locker and parking fees to subsidize the cost.

The centre would include a student lounge, seminar room, a conference room, new SAC offices, a printing and publicity room and a gym for special events.

"It's not strictly a social gathering room; it is also for studying and athletics," he said.

SAC centre must wait

The presentation to build a student centre will be taken to the administration in March. Denis Noel, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said he had been hoping to present it in January.

"I am disappointed we have to wait that long, but I will make sure the next SAC gets all the information we put in to it and make sure they get the projects," he said. "That's the only way it will stand on two feet."

Denis said the administration told him that college enrolment will be down in a couple of years, and there will then be more space. He said the administration suggested to him that the Black Walnut Building be renovated.

At the moment, SAC is in the process of getting the floor plan for the proposed student centre completed. He said, "Apparently the administration wants me to go step-by-step with my presentations."

Dr. Nora McCardell, director of educational and student services, said she will be working with Denis and the council to get background information on a student centre and to have a portfolio made. She said if SAC can obtain all this information soon, a proposal about a student centre might be made in February.

She said there is a possibility of converting the Black Walnut building into a student centre in the next few years if enrolment decreases, but right now there is a shortage of classroom space.

After working at college 16 years, John Skinner faces retirement

By CHITRA RAMASETHU
Staff Writer

In the past 11 years of the 16 he has been at the college, John Skinner has not taken a day off. As he bids farewell to the media department, he leaves behind a legend of hard work and dedicated service.

The 73-year-old veteran retired Jan. 6.

At his retirement, he was a technician in charge of tne distribution centre at the media department.

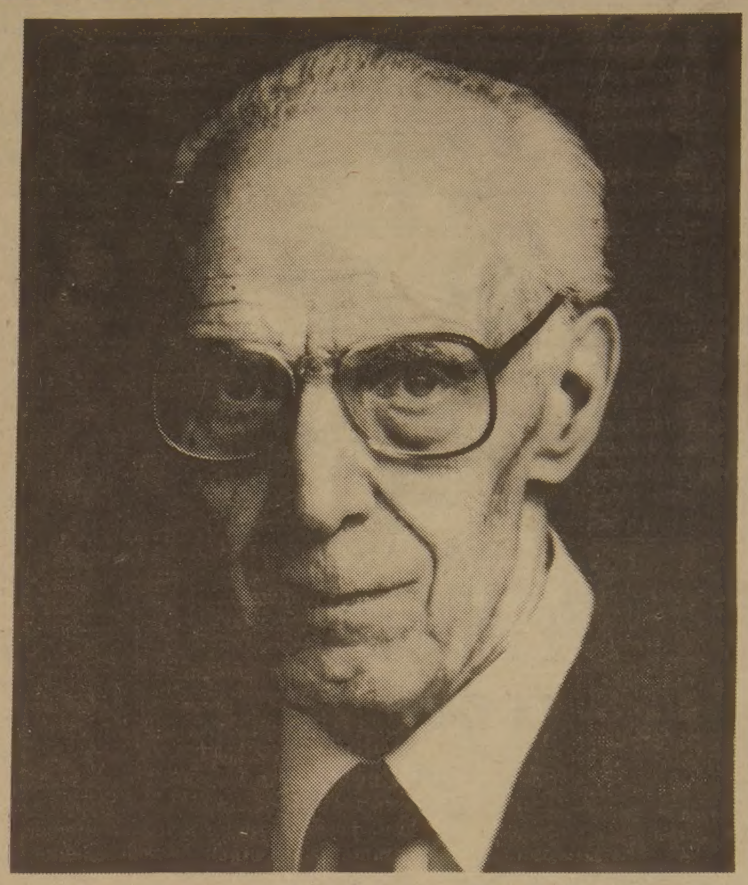
"I'm going to miss all this," he said with a pensive smile, pacing up and down the room. "Nothing has kept me off work."

His hands worked deftly around the 120 camera as he unravelled some mysteries of trick photography. Of the many fascinations of his life, the visual medium excites him the most. His Scottish accent became more pronounced as he talked of the "early days" in the "old country." "In the days of the silent movies, the sound of the projector running was like music to my ears."

Before joining the college in 1968, he worked at the Welland Board of Education for seven years.

"You name it and I've done it," he said exuberantly. In Scotland, he took a hair dressing course in a Glasgow college. He worked there for 10 years and then set up his own hair dressing salon. Later, he opened a photography section at the rear end of the store.

When he came to Toronto, he started a hair dressing salon for men. At the same time, he took a course in electronics. "I always liked doing anything mechanical. My hobbies were fixing radios, repairing alarm clocks."



John Skinner, who has been with the media department since its creation in 1968, retired Jan. 6 after 16 years with the college. (Photo by Chitra Ramasethu)

Showing movies in the Hamilton Room to students is a "thrill" because it puts him back to the time when he was seven or eight years old and was always "snooping around the projection booth." Moreover, "I enjoy doing service to the students and accommodating them. I always took a great interest in their welfare," he said.

His self-discipline is evident. He has the jobs for the day all mapped out. When they are finished, there is a sense of "inward satisfaction".

A word of advice to students: "If you keep your mind active, love the work you are doing, I think you can keep yourself healthy." An active brain is an inventive brain, he said.

Students annoyed about gas prices

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

Niagara College students who drive their own cars to college feel they are being taken by high gas prices.

Gas prices reached a new high with the arrival of the new year and although motorists were warned of a possible increase, they are still disgruntled over the price jump.

"I'm annoyed at the price of gas. It's up to 49.9 now in Thorold,"said Russ Duhaime, second-year journalism-print.

Russ drives to and from the college to Thorold every day in his Volkswagen.

COSTS LOTS

"A few years ago it used to cost me $5 to fill my tank and now it's more like $15," he said. "I think if they can drop it to 35 cents or less during gas wars then it's obvious they are making an unreasonable profit at 49.9. I think it's also ridiculous that half the price we pay at the pumps is going for taxes."

"It's kind of ridiculous," said Jeff Pedler, Law and Security. "We've got lots of gas. They shut down operations up north. They are not processing anymore."

Jeff said he is running a car pool but it is still costing a lot of money.

WALKS SOMETIMES

"Absolutely outrageous," said Anna Lefrancois, social services program. "I live in Welland, about six blocks from here, but I sometimes leave my car and walk to school. On my breaks I'll stay here rather than go home."

Anna also has placement to worry about. She does not get reimbursed for gas costs when she goes on placement.

Gas station owners say they do not put up the prices themselves but take orders from their head offices. Some gas stations are taking a loss to keep their customers happy.

One Shell station owner in Fort Erie said he only gets 2.8 cents a litre no matter what Shell tells him to charge.

PRICES VARY

A survey of gas stations in Welland shows prices at one Gulf station to be 47.9, which is matched by an Esso station. Pioneer's Big Nickel has gas at 47.5 per litre for regular.

In St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, gas prices range from 48.6 to 49 cents per litre for regular.

Fort Erie gas prices were among the lowest in the area six weeks ago but now are as high as or higher than any in the peninsula.

At ROBO on Princess Street in Fort Erie the price per litre for regular is 48.9.

Along the Garrison Road the Shell station sells gas at 48.8 per litre up from 32.6 and the Sunoco station across the street matched the price.

Bill's Toyota and Shell customers got a shock when he raised his prices from 33 to 49 cents a litre.

Motorists don't know where to urn—for cheaper gas that is.

Committee promotes involvement

The academic officers committee, designed to promote greater involvement in management decision-making at the college, will discuss academic matters and put forth recommendations, John Giancarlo, executive dean of Niagara College, said.

Mr. Giancarlo, chairman of the committee, said their previous meetings dealt with the operation of adult training programs at Welland Vale, preparations for professional development guidelines for short certificate programs, and regulation of procedures to enable students to come and work in the evenings and weekends.

"We don't want to inhibit initiatives shown by the students," he said.

Academic matters will be directed through the president's office to the president's executive council (PEC). Composed of the deans and chairmen of each school, the council will be chaired by the executive dean of the college with the president and other members as ex-officio members of the committee.

In a memorandum summarizing the objectives of the two committees, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said, "Once each term, I will arrange to bring both the academic officers and administrative officers together for a meeting, social function, or professional development activity in order that all senior and middle management personnel can meet on a regular basis."

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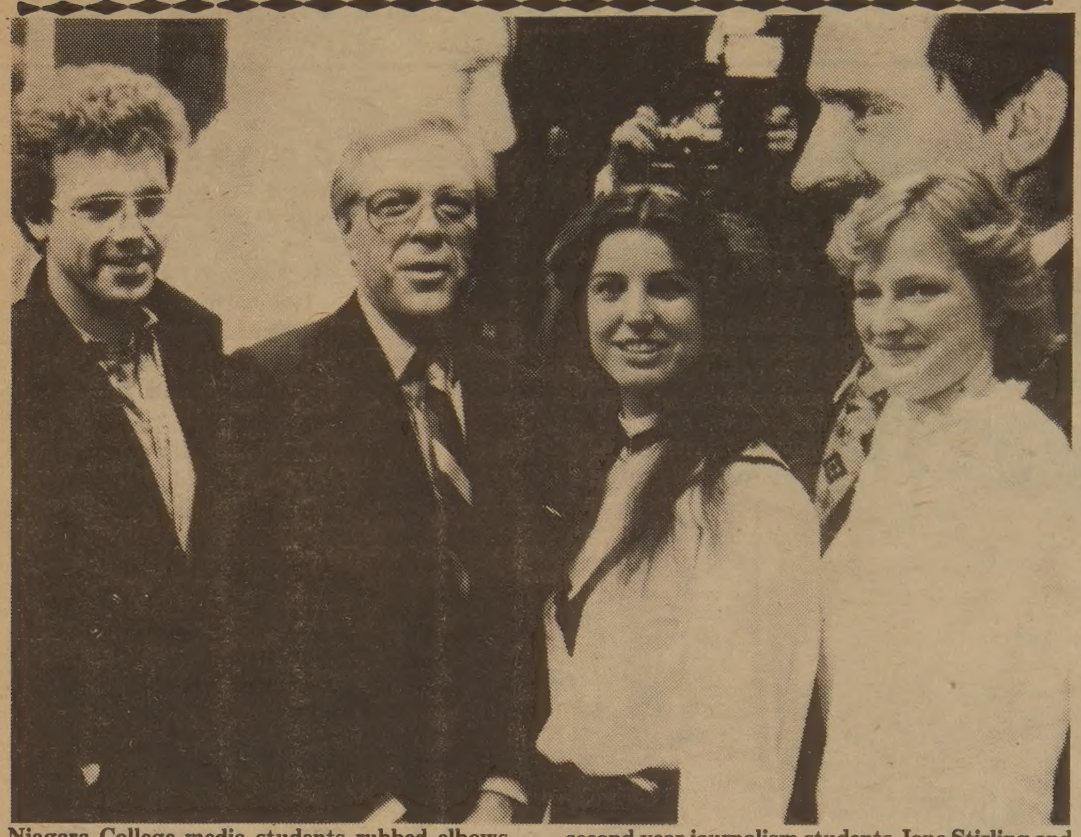

Niagara College media students rubbed elbows with the star of the CBC at a recent Toronto seminar. From left are: second-year RTV student Ray Straatsma; CBC anchorman Knowlton Nash; second-year journalism students Jane Stirling and Tracey Chagnon. The seminar was to be broadcast last Saturday on the CBC.(Photo by Carol Alaimo)

CBC foreign correspondents comment on world events

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

People who are foreign correspondents need to be slightly crazy, Joe Schlesinger, CBC correspondent for Central and South America, told a packed auditorium in Toronto.

A bus-load of Niagara College radio-television and journalism students attended the second annual question and answer seminar at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute Jan. 4. It featured eight CBC foreign correspondents and anchorman Knowlton Nash.

The broadcast journalists commented briefly on important events in their part of the world and then fielded questions from the audience.

Journalist killed

Brian Stewart, Beirut correspondent, said the security measures taken by the networks in battle zones have not improved significantly since the death of Clark Todd, a CTV journalist. "Foreign correspondents take chances and can get killed," he said.

Don Murray, Paris correspondent, recounted the horrifying tale of a cameraman who was hit by a shell in Lebanon but kept filming because he wanted to get some exclusive footage.

Mr. Stewart said the CBC is trying to break away from the action footage and deal with more background. "We don't emphasize the bang-bang" but it is hard not to use such footage from Lebanon.

Mr. Schlesinger said actual war is much gorier than shown on the television screen.

Dwight Wiley, Grenada correspondent, criticized the Americans for selective press access during the revolution. He was not allowed back in the country until three days after the invasion.

"The other Caribbean countries saw the militarization of Grenada as a threat to their security. The invasion focused a lot of attention on the Caribbean and its problems," Mr. Wiley said.

Hal Jones, Washington correspondent, said President Ronald Reagan needed a foreign policy success story and he found it through the Grenada invasion. "It will help Reagan's image but, unfortunately for him, the electorate has a short memory."

Mr. Schlesinger, tongue-in-cheek, explained the Reagan administration's viewpoint of Grenada—"a lovely little war; it didn't cost too much and there weren't too many deaths."

The United States does not take Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his peace mission seriously, Mr. Jones said. "There is no great interest down there and consequently a lack of press coverage. The U.S. doesn't think very much of Canada."

The multinational peacekeeping force will pull out of Lebanon in 1984, Mr. Stewart predicted. The reconciliation talks will continue so "I'm not overly pessimistic."

Mr. Jones said President Reagan is under heavy pressure to pull his forces out of Lebanon. "He doesn't want to but with the election coming up he may have to."

The situation in the Soviet Union is clouded due to the illness of Communist leader Yuri Andropov, Jan Lazowski, Moscow correspondent, said. If he dies, the leadership could swing back to the Leonid Brezhnev faction or there could be a coalition between the two powerful groups. "There will be no economic changes with a new leader nor will there be a reduction in human rights' abuses."

'Peace Breaks Out'

The best headline to hope for in 1984 would be "Peace Breaks Out," Patrick Brown, London correspondent, said. The second-best one would be "There Is No News Today" but that would eliminate the need for journalists, Mr. Schlesinger noted.

The difference between American and Canadian press coverage centres on a difference in point of view, Mr. Schlesinger said. "We don't want to rely on American sources so we have offices all over the world."

Disarmament

Mr. Lazowski said the American press would look at Soviet-U.S. relations from their perspective while the Canadian press might be more interested in Soviet-Canadian relations.

Mr. Brown said the protest movement on disarmament in Europe will continue in 1984 but European governments will not back down on missile tests. Mr. Wiley said Grenadians will see a reconstruction on their island and perhaps peace and a reasonable government this new year.

With the U.S. presidential elections approaching, "the American people will have a clear choice on how they will shape the rest of the decade," Mr. Schlesinger said.

No-smoking campaign

By DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

Three-quarters of all smokers want to quit, one-third will try to quit at least once, and one-fourth will succeed, Dr. Eric Hollowati, in charge of a non-smoking campaign run by the Niagara Regional Health Unit, said.

"Concern for the future health and the cost of cigarettes are reasons people want to quit," the St. Catharines doctor said.

Dr. Hollowati is in charge of a campaign, the Great Niagara Cold Turkey Challenge, which will get under way by Jan. 25. He said municipalities are challenging each other to see which municipality reports the most pledges from people who plan to quit smoking.

COLLEGE CAMPAIGN?

"I would like to see a campaign come out of Niagara College," he said. Tackling the cigarette problem at an early age is tackling a problem at the root.

"Most smokers start during the teen-age years."

People should be made aware of the dangers because the effects of smoking are terrifying, he said.

"Twenty-five per cent of heart disease deaths are the result of cigarette smoking." Cigarette smoking also causes 20 per cent of all cancer deaths. "Ninety per cent of lung cancer is caused by cigarette smoking."

7,000,000

"Yet there are seven million Canadians who smoke," Dr. Hollowati said, "and two million ex-smokers."

This campaign, along with three half-hour shows to air Jan. 6, 13, and 20 at 7 p.m. on Global network, is meant to educate people. "People learn to smoke, therefore, people must learn to quit smoking," the non-smoking crusader said. The television programs are aimed to inform and advise people on how to quit smoking. The program will poke fun at some of the withdrawal symptoms smokers can expect to encounter should they go cold turkey.

HITS NON-SMOKERS

"Not only smokers get affected but also non-smokers," Dr. Hollowati said. "Second-hand smoke is proven to be harmful."

Quitting cigarettes will not only benefit the smoker, but also the innocent victims who are involuntarily breathing in "thousands of chemicals emitted from cigarette smoke," he said.

Dr. Hollowati advises potential quitters to go on a healthy diet, get busy with exercise, develop regular sleeping habits, and practice relaxation techniques.

$1,800 donation, NC back in race

Niagara College's previously cancelled participation in the Shell Fuelathon race has been reinstated with an $1,800 donation from a Fort Erie corporation.

Horton CBI, a steel fabricator in Fort Erie, rescued the college's annual entry in the fuel economy race after an employee read a Niagara News story on the entry's lack of funding.

Nick Ciolfi, mechanical engineering co-ordinator and Fuelathon adviser, said he heard the good news about one week before Christmas when contacted by Horton CBI employee Larry Weselake.

NICK CIOLFI

Mr. Weselake, Horton's engineering manager and a Niagara College advisory committee member, said the company was organizing its year-end accounts and had enough money left in one of its budgets to fund the entry.

"What a great Christmas present that was for us," said Mr. Ciolfi, who has been instrumental in organizing college participation in the Fuelathon.

Colleges and universities across Canada participate in the annual race, sponsored by Shell Canada to encourage construction of fuel-efficient vehicles.

Last year, Niagara College finished 14th from a field of 19, and in October Mr. Ciolfi announced the college was cancelling its participation because it lacked funding to build a respectable competitor.

Mr. Ciolfi said he is eager to cash the $1,800 cheque and get to work on this year's entry, to be called The Cheapskate.

Registration increases 5 per cent

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

The number of full-time students registered in winter term classes has increased five per cent compared to the number of students registered at this time last year.

Registrations, as of Jan. 5, were 3,224; last year at this time, 3,069 students were registered.

Registration for continuing education classes ends Jan. 16. John Parrett, registrar, said it is difficult to say what the registration rate will be until then.

At the beginning of the school year, 3,545 students were registered in full-time courses at the college. The number has declined since then, but, Mr. Parrett said, "There is almost always a general attrition in classes."

MORE IN '84

The college may be taking more first-year students next year compared to previous years because of the changing emphasis and continual turning away of students. However, Mr. Parrett said the increase of first-year students will depend on the facilities. "That's a factor."

Two programs, general business and business administration, will begin Jan. 16—each has a student capacity of 36. There is a waiting list with about 20 names for both.

Mr. Parrett said the two programs have been popular over the years. He said the college does not advertise the programs and it is "basically done by word of mouth."

100s APPLY

The registrar's office has been receiving applications for next year "by the hundreds". Mr. Parrett said early indicators show there is no doubt the programs will be filled next year.

Every year, the college accepts applications until Feb. 15.

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NIAGARA
EDITORIALS

Give blood freely

Once again it is time for all Niagara College students and faculty to come out and support the annual blood donor clinic by unselfishly giving the gift of life — blood.

The clinic, organized by the Student Administrative Council and the Welland chapter of the Red Cross, will be held on Jan. 26 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. It is only held once a year.

Give blood now! Let's not wait until someone we love needs our blood, but give now when there are others who need it more urgently.

Eugene Maltais, political science instructor, clinic promoter, summed up the giving of blood best when he told the Niagara News that he "thinks it's really symbolic in giving blood. You're not asked to give money, food or old clothes, but you're asked to give part of yourself. I think it gives new meaning to the phrase, 'Lend a helping hand.' "

Pauline King

RIDE reduces deaths

The festive holiday season with all its cheer and good wishes can easily be marred by the senseless death of a loved one or friend whose life was taken away by a drunk driver.

Drunk driving fatalities in the Niagara Region were reduced to two this season. This can be due in part to the RIDE program.

Criticized by some but praised by many, RIDE stopped 5,086 cars from Dec. 8 to Jan. 1 in the Niagara Region.

Sixteen were charged with impaired driving, 47 were charged with driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood and 83 were given 12-hour suspensions. Many innocent lives were saved.

With such groups as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and PRIDE (Parents to Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) demanding stiffer penalties for drunk driving and RIDE stopping would-be killers, the senseless deaths of many can be stopped.

As more people are killed by drunk drivers than are murdered, this serious problem must be brought to an end. Thanks, in part, to RIDE, your life this Christmas wasn't.

Renata Dinnocenzo

Curses about....?

More than just a letter to the editor column, Curses is an opportunity for readers to air their beefs about a variety of subjects; a Niagara News reporter team will go into action to see if anything can be done about the complaints.

Letters should be addressed to Curses Editor, Niagara News, Simcoe S-212. While a pseudonym may be used for publication, the name of the letter writer must be on the complaint to confirm the nature of the complaint or obtain more information.

The Niagara News cannot promise an effective solution to any problem.

A barren land

It was a cold and miserable day for driving along Highway 20 near Smithville. Few people were outdoors last week and decided to keep themselves and their cars parked at home for the day. (Photo by Sue Greco)

Bullpit

Weedless Wednesday used to quit smoking

By DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

Coughing, hacking, wheezing. Puffing, smoking, inhaling. These six words can be condensed into one word—cigarette.

We all know the risks involved when we contaminate our lungs with these yellow-smoke-emitting cancer sticks. The warning is posted on all cigarette packs: "Health and Welfare Canada advises that danger to health increases with amount smoked. Avoid inhaling."

Nevertheless, every year about 500 deaths in the Niagara Region are directly attributed to cigarette smoking. Therefore, the Great Niagara Cold Turkey Challenge is getting under way.

Let's face it. Smoking is nothing more than an annoying habit with distinct characteristics: lungs are filled with hazardous waste (tar and nicotine), smoke irritates the eyes, yellow stains on fingers and teeth, and the clincher is smoking was a single cause for 15 per cent of all deaths in the Niagara Region.

NO BETTER TIME

There will never be a better time to quit smoking than now. Many have signed up a pledge campaign to quit smoking on or before Jan. 25. Weedless Wednesday is part of a Niagara Regional Health Unit effort to curb people's dependency on cigarettes. The unit has distributed pledge forms throughout Niagara College.

Signing a pledge now and joining a group of determined quitters can only mean one thing—encouragement. After all, there is strength in numbers.

Just think of the numerous benefits that await the smoker who quits. He will sleep more soundly which means a more refreshed feeling when awake. The mouth will definitely feel better. The more alert and more relaxed one gets, the more resistance to colds will increase.

For the insecure person, no smoking will improve the complexion.

Just think of no more burn holes in clothing or furniture. And the guilt about undermining health will be gone. Just think!

After quitting, there might be some withdrawal symptoms such as tension and irritability. Restlessness is another symptom. There is one thing definite about all these withdrawal symptoms. They will disappear. And if it feels as if the world is falling apart, just think. Think of the benefits.

Thanks for coffee

It was coffee time again — free coffee, that is.

Niagara Frontier Caterers, through its service representative, Ed Kerrigan, provided students, faculty and staff on the Welland campus of the college with free coffee from its vending machines all morning on Friday, Dec. 16. A sign on the machines thanked the college community for its patronage throughout the year.

The college community thanks Niagara Frontier Caterers and Ed for the service throughout the year.

Hort students enter contest

If it's true that talking to plants helps them grow big and strong and beautiful, then Niagara College's senior horticulture students must all have laryngitis by now.

Their entries in a mini flower show at the St. Catharines campus last month were of a "very high calibre" and the winners were "beautiful specimens," Joyce Fleming, a certified horticulture judge, said.

Barbara Ahluwalia, who amassed 16 points, won the grand prize with two first place and two second place awards. The plants were judged on size, rarity, condition, conformity to type and display.

In Other Words

Thanks for donation

Dear Editor,

I am taking this opportunity of personally thanking the "Niagara College Christians on Campus" for their generous donation to the Community Christmas Basket.

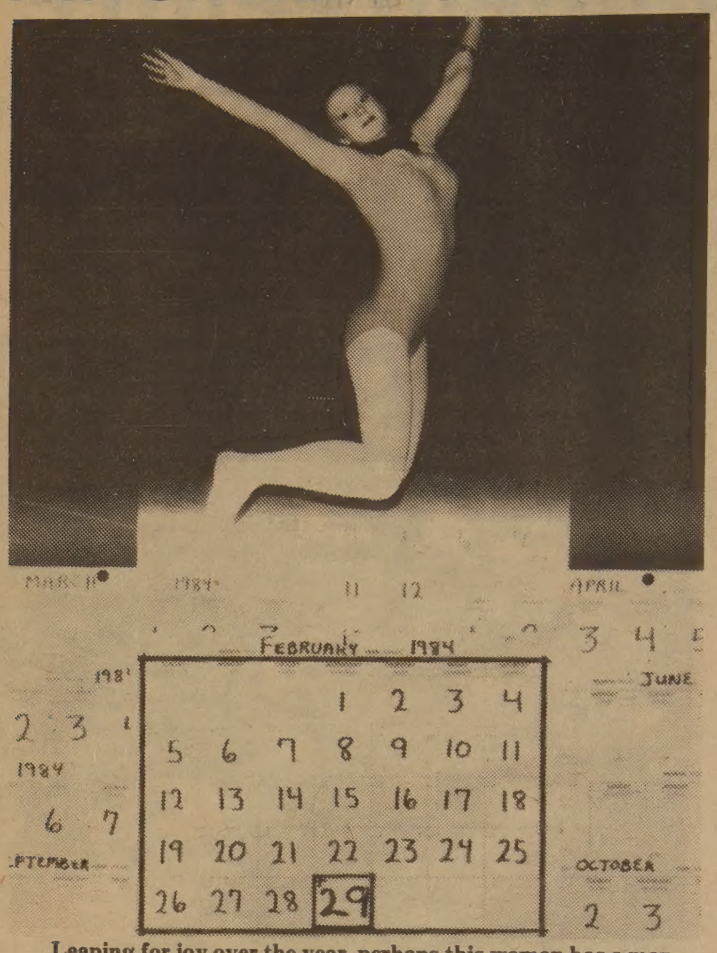
We sincerely appreciate their efforts to assist us in helping others at this special season.

M. K. Scott
Treasurer

News Hotline

The Niagara News has set up a news hotline number for students and staff who have news. Call extension 750 with tips on stories.

Attention ladies: Get your man in '84!



Leaping for joy over the year, perhaps this woman has a man in mind for her catch. (Photo by Theresa Gretzinger)

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

All men beware!

It's leap year and that means that any woman may pop the question to any man found appealing.

To what does the female owe this grand privilege?

One fine day, St. Patrick was acosted by St. Bridget who told him that a mutiny had broken out in the nunnery over which she presided. The ladies had claimed the right to pop the question. St. Patrick said he would give them the right every seven years, but when St. Bridget threw her arms around his neck and cried, St. Patrick exclaimed, "Bridget, squeeze me that way and I'll give ye leap-year, the longest of the lot." Bridget quickly proposed to St. Patrick, who could not marry but made amends with a kiss and a silk gown for the lady.

A leap year is any year containing extra time, specifically a Gregorian calendar year having Feb. 29.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, it takes the Earth about 365.242 days to complete its orbit around the sun, or rounded-off, 365.25 days, comprising an astronomical year.

Over many centuries, the difference between the approximate value of a 0.25 day and the more accurate 0.242 day accumulates significantly. The discrepancy is adjusted by adding an additional day every fourth year to compensate for the fraction.

An Act of the Scottish parliament, passed in 1228, gave women the right to propose to men and, if rejected, required that the man pay 100 pounds unless he could prove he was engaged to another woman.

A few years later a similar law was passed in France and in the 15th century the tradition was legalized in Italy. By 1600, the custom had become a part of the common law of England.

Relief is in sight for the hunted male.

The Gregorian calendar is not absolutely correct, the calendar year being 26 seconds longer than the actual physical year. But, the seconds will not add up significantly until 3,323 years have passed.

The Encyclopedia Americana suggests a solution: omitting leap year every 128 years to compensate for the difference.

So, every 128 years, women may miss out on their role as hunter, and the male may reign supreme in the decision "to marry or not to marry."

Comedian performs

With an opening line of, "I know what you're saying: 'Ah, ***?& he's old,' " comedian Wayne Fleming showed the cafeteria crowd he was anything but.

He kept spectators in stitches through most of his show last month.

A native of Nova Scotia living in Toronto, Wayne has been a professional comedian for 10 years, he said, and he is still looking for his hook as a comedian.

Mr. Fleming said he makes a good living at what he does but would like to be the host of his own talk show like Johnny Carson or, on a minor scale, Alan Thicke.

"Most of my humor comes off the top of my head, and you'll notice there has been a lot coming off of there," the bald comedian said.

As well as his standard style of modern delivery similar to George Carlin, Wayne does impressions and audience cut-ups.

"I prefer the college and barroom scene because I know what type of reaction to expect.

SPECTRUM

Leap year / Polish immigrants

Better life in Canada for Polish immigrants

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

Nobody told them the streets would be paved with gold in Canada.Nobody said money grew on trees here. Nobody said life in this vast country would be easy.

And it's a good thing nobody did!

Both the Eles and the Blaszczyk families emigrated to Canada 1 1/2 years ago knowing they would face many difficulties. Jerzy and Maria Eles came from Wroclaw, a city in south-west Poland. Jerzy and Anna Blaszczyk lived in Cracow.

"It was emotionally difficult for us to leave our family and friends behind in Poland but we are glad we chose Canada," Mr. Eles, a 31-year-old mechanical engineer, living in St. Catharines, said."When we say 'home' now, we mean Canada."

Both couples enrolled in Niagara College's English as a Second Language program at the Welland Vale campus. Mrs. Eles, 31, a pediatrician, could speak a few words in English but her husband and the Blaszczyks, living in Niagara Falls, could speak none.

Less than one year after they completed the 24-week course, Mrs. Eles and Mrs. Blaszczyk passed the Canadian medical examinations after their first attempt. "I was very happy," Mrs. Eles said. "We had hoped to pass."

Both women had received special help through a course organized by the University of Toronto for Polish doctors. "I cried a lot," Mrs. Eles admitted because it seemed so difficult. "On weekends when I was home, I would see the children when they woke up and when they went to sleep. I spent the rest of the day studying."

Jerzy and Maria Eles and Anna Blaszczyk recount some difficult but happy times in their adopted country. The two women doctors are waiting for internship appointments while Mr. Eles works at General Motors.(Photo by Jane Stirling)

Although Mrs. Eles had practised medicine in Poland for four years and Mrs. Blaszczyk, a dermatologist, had practised for nine years, they are required to recertify in Canada annd complete a two-year internship at a teaching hospital.

"To come from a background with no English and be able to write and pass a medical exam shows what exemplary students they were," Donald Combe, teacher of English as a Second Language, said. When they graduated they were reading at a Grade 12 level. "In essence, they did 12 years of work in 24 weeks."

Both couples, who were equally impressed with Mr. Combe's teaching, said learning the language did have its difficult moments. "One year ago we were afraid to pick up our telephone because it is harder to talk to and understand people on the phone than seeing them in person," Mr. Eles said. "It was also hard to deal with bills—we would have to give them to our English teacher because we had trouble reading them and he would tell us what to do."

Now, Mr. and Mrs. Eles read English newspapers and magazines while Mrs. Blaszczyk and her husband prefer English science fiction. Mrs. Eles continues to take English classes in St. Catharines through Niagara College but her husband, who works at General Motors, gets enough exposure there to the language.

The two Eles and the two Blaszczyk boys speak English fluently. "The boys like speaking to us because they like doing something better than their parents," Mr. Eles commented wryly.

Both women indicated they would like to return to work. "I enjoy looking after the children and the house now but I want to be a housewife only for a very short time," Mrs. Eles said. "I love my job and I want to go back to work."

They have applied to teaching hospitals across Canada but have been told they may have to wait for five years of more before being accepted as interns. Every five years they must recertify by writing the medical exams again. "What I can do, I've done," Mrs. Eles said. "All I can do now is wait and hope."

She said she would consider moving up north and away from home for two years to intern if a northern hospital accepted her. "We're prepared to do things apart for the first little while," Mr. Eles said. "We must be flexible."

Nevertheless, neither family is standing still, waiting for things to happen. Mr. Eles keeps busy with his carpentry hobby—building beds, tables and wall units for his family—as well as enjoying a photography and astronomy sideline. He hopes to indulge his passion for sailing someday.

Mr. Blaszczyk, a civil engineer, is taking courses to become a draftsman as well as playing and coaching basketball, a sport he excelled in as a member of the Polish national team.

Both families would like to go back to Poland to visit but only if assured a safe return to Canada. "I am afraid to return (to Poland), but if I had Canadian citizenship,I would," Mrs. Blaszczyk said.

"The Canadians we've met have been wonderful. We feel really great here," Mr. Eles said. "Canada has helped us, now we'd like to help Canada."

Pros and cons for NC student centre

Roving Reporter

Interested in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) proposal to build a student centre, the Niagara News interviewed the owner of the Red Lion Place in Welland to find out the cost and expenses of operating a lounge; and faculty, administrative staff and students at Mohawk College, Hamilton, which is planning to build a student centre.

Photos and Stories
by SUE KMITA and SUE GRECO
Staff Reporters

Increased fees

Half for it, half against it

By LINDA MacLEOD
and RUSS DUHAIME

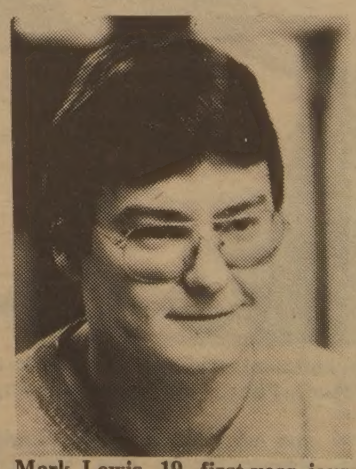
Question: SAC may propose an increase of $15 in student fees and initiate locker and parking fees to help subsidize the cost of a student centre. What do you think?

Laurie Case, 19, second-year accounting: I think it's a good idea to have a student centre. I wouldn't mind paying for everything except for locker fees. I just assume that we should get our own lockers for free.

Kathy Zizek, 18, first-year marketing management: I would like a student centre. As long as the fee isn't too high. Fifteen dollars more to the tuition is all right. It's a good idea. For group discussions it would be a good idea because in the library the security guard would kick you out if you're talking.

Dale Davies, 20, first-year electronics technician: It shouldn't come out of our own pockets. It should come from the main administration. God knows what they use the money for. In what we pay to go to school, the centre should all be a part of it. We shouldn't have to pay extra. I believe in having that building, but I don't think it should come out of our own pockets.

Regis Allard, 18, first-year business administration: In a way it is a good thing if we have a student centre. If there's beer involved, it's all right with me.



Mark Lewis, 19, first-year journalism: I don't feel we should have to pay. There must be other ways to make the money for the student centre.

Tom Scott, 20, first-year human relations: It's a good idea. It might not help us now but it will be good for the students and the school in the long run.

Dorrie Gould, 32, first-year health record technician: It would depend on how much they're going to ask over the $15. I don't think it's fair. One flat rate added to the tuition is all right. It's pretty tough for the kids at school to pay that much. I'm finding it tough financially myself.

Carolyn Kriter, 18, first-year retail managment: I'm against it. I think they can get money other ways; we already pay enough. It's not going to benefit us by the time we finish our two years.

Expenses: Red Lion

The owner of the Red Lion Place told the Niagara News the expenses of running a 9,800 square foot dining lounge and night club with a capacity of 458 people.

Owner J. C. Daoust — or "JC" as he wants to be known — listed some of the expenses he has encountered since buying the lounge last Sept. 27: advertising, wages, maintenance of the parking lot, and vandalism and broken glasses.

Every week, advertising alone costs about $1,000. "JC" said he has cut down on it a bit but it used to be more.

There are 28 paid staff employees, including bouncers, and a cleaning woman who works at night. Waitresses begin at minimum wage.Other wages were not available for publication.

The Red Lion has parking facilities for 80 cars and costs for snow removal run $50 each time the lot has to cleared.

He said bouncers keep the cost of vandalism from being extremely expensive, but the cost of broken glasses is $300 monthly.

The Red Lion makes its profits from food, beer, liquor and wine sales and a cover charge at night.

"JC" pays $1,200 a week for liquor and wine, $3,500 for beer and about $1,000 for food; however, the profits of the Red Lion are confidential.

Asked to give a comment on the responsibilities of operating a dining lounge, "JC" said, "You have to be on top of things all the time. *You can't stop doing things, you* have to keep moving. Things are constantly changing and you just can't decide to sit down."

The Red Lion Place is a lounge in Welland popular among many people throughout the area. Monday is Niagara Night when drink and food specials are offered to students.

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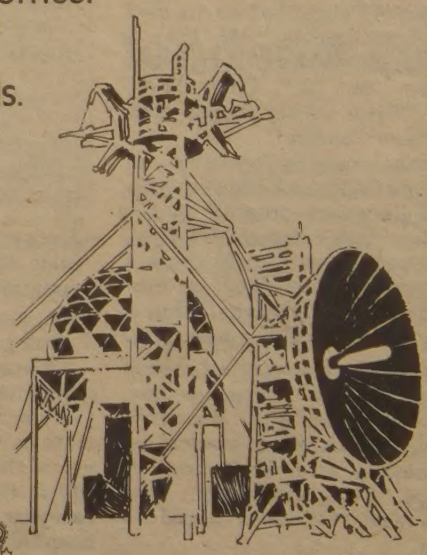

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Mohawk plans $4m student centre

Mohawk College plans to build a two-phase student centre costing about $4 million which will join to the main campus building on the Fennell campus in Hamilton.

John Bruce, Mohawk alumni officer, said the money to finance construction of two phases will be obtained from a combination of provincial and federal grants.

In addition, financial aid will come from the administration and a development fund which has about half-a-million dollars in it.

The student activity fee was increased by $15 and an activity fee was initiated for part-time students this year.

The development fund was set up by the Students' Union Corporation(SUC) which consists of full-time students, administrative staff, faculty and alumni. Responsibilities of SUC are to collect student activity fees and distribute them among its agencies.

There are three main sources to finance the centre: profits from the Arnold Centre (the current student lounge), money left over from student activity fees, and interest.

At present, Mohawk College is in a design phase which includes studying the exact space allocations, Mr. Bruce said.

TO BEGIN IN APRIL

Cal Haddad, dean of students' services, said they hoped to start construction of phase one in April. "If we only had $80,000 in the bank, we wouldn't even think of building this type of student centre."

Mr. Haddad said they hope to build both phases at the same time. However, if the grant money is not available, phase one will be built as planned and phase two will take place some time in the future.

A report made late last winter for construction of both phases was submitted to the provincial and federal governments, but the college is still waiting for approval, he said.

Construction plans for both phases were drawn up by Hamilton architect Michael Torsney. Technology students were also asked to present ideas and drawings of the possible appearance of the student centre—40 to 45 drawings were received.

Phase one, which will be attached to the main building will be 24,000 square feet. It will consist of a large lounge accomodating 600 people, game rooms, school radio and newspaper stations, SUC offices, a department for the alumni, seminar rooms, Student Representative Council(SRC) offices, a quiet lounge, and a commercial space such as a food store, record store or a restaurant.

Phase two will be approximately 26,000 square feet and will house either a double or triple gym, change rooms, showers, a fitness centre and athletic department offices.

At Mohawk College, there are 6,000 day students and 20,000 night-time students.

INCREASED FEE

Mr. Haddad said the student activity fee for full-time students is $75, of which a minimum of about $10 goes into the development fund.

This year was the first time an activity fee was initiated for night time students.

"We expect to raise $60,000 from this $3 fee alone."

Alumni, full-time, and part-time students will have full use of the student centre and other facilities at Mohawk College.

Mr. Haddad said the reasons for building the two phases are because of the lack of recreational, lounge and educational facilities.

An example of this is the additional space that is required for computer terminals for students. If this area were expanded, the largest lounge in Mohawk College—which holds 100 students—could not exist. In addition, all the present office space and lounge areas will be available for academic use.

The student centre will be joined to the "E" wing because two-thirds of the students use that exit; therefore, they will have to leave and enter through the proposed student building, Mr. Haddad said.

He added that the students were not used to walking outside and into another building. "They're spoiled," he said.

BEGUN SIX YEARS AGO

The Student Centre Committee was set up a couple of years ago and the development fund was set up about six years ago. Mr. Haddad said the budget for phase one and phase two is about $3.8 million.

Glenn Murphy, vice-president of special events and clubs, said all pubs and special events are usually held in the cafeteria which holds about 425 students.

As the college now stands, SRC does not have many opportunities to hold special events as well as have any "half decent studying lounges." With the new centre there could be a pub every night whereas now, it is just a weekly event.

Glenn said the students did not like the idea of increasing the student activity fees by $15 at the beginning, but now, since they have seen the proposed drawings, most students are looking forward to the student centre.

Many students did not want to pay the fees thinking they would graduate and not be there to enjoy the centre, but with the alumni association just beginning, more students are interested.

The enrolment at Mohawk is up 1,000 from last year and will probably increase next year, Glenn said.

"We hope we will have the facilities that will meet the students' needs."

Ken Marshall, faculty of applied arts and business representative of SRC, said the proposed centre, if built, would be the largest among the colleges and universities in the province. He said McMaster University had 10,000 students last year and this year Mohawk had 7,000.

"We are growing quite rapidly, plus our part-time students will have access to the student building."

Mr. Bruce said the proposal to build the student centre is really a fantastic project.

"I couldn't ask for a better recruiting tool for the alumni association. It will draw hundreds if not thousands back to the college."

News Hotline Ext. 750

The Arnold Centre, known as "The Arnie" by students at Mohawk College, is a popular lounge on campus where students and faculty members go to relax and enjoy themselves.

Mohawk's 100-year-old building; great lounge for students

In their spare time, students and faculty of Mohawk College usually go to the Arnold Centre.

The 5,000 square foot building is more than 100 years old and holds between 180 and 200 people. The building was originally owned by the Ontario Psychiatric Hospital, which is across the street from the college, and was used for storing fruits, vegetables and supplies. It was closed and sat dormant for a long time but was re-opened as the Arnold Centre in 1975.

A plaque in the Arnold Centre says it is named in memory of Albert (Al) Arnold. Al graduated in 1963 from the Hamilton Institute of Technology, which in 1967 became Mohawk College. He joined the teaching staff in 1967.

The plaque reads: "As a student, Al revealed qualities of leadership, integrity, perserverance, compassion, and commitment upon which his strength as a leader was to stand."

DIED IN 1971

He died in 1971 at age 32. The Arnold Centre was officially opened by his mother on March 8, 1975.

The Arnold Centre is a self-supporting operation and is run by a management committee which is part of the Students' Union Corporation (SUC).

Profits for 1983 were about $50,000 which will be used to help finance the student centre. The Arnold Centre was the first project of the development fund which had cost about $100,000 to renovate.

NO ALCOHOL

The lounge is open from 3:30 p.m. to midnight and before 3:30 p.m. it is open for social gatherings without the selling of alcoholic beverages.

Popcorn, chips and pizza are sold. In addition, there is a small outdoor licensed patio.

Because of the historic value of the Arnold Centre, SUC has decided to build both phase one and two of the student centre joining to it to preserve its historical appearance.

Cal Haddad, dean of students' services, said there are many suggestions for the use of the Arnold Centre when the student centre has been built. Some of them include: study and club meeting space, alumni use, a faculty club or lounge, but said they are still unsure of its future use.

Above the Arnold Centre is a space known to students as "the top of the Arnie" which was added later and is used for meetings, small parties, social gatherings, and card and dart tournaments. It is open for use by any member of the college community.

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Non-aligned nations fear superpower war

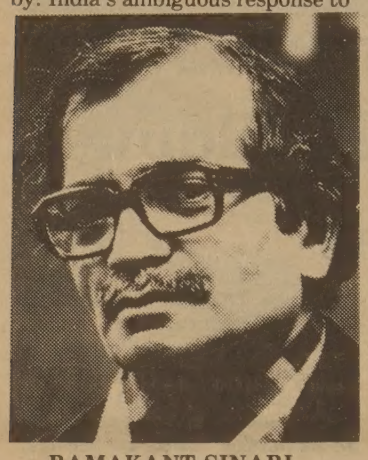
By CHITRA RAMASETHU
Staff Writer

The non-aligned nations,—now numbering 100—believe all forces leading superpowers to war must be condemned, Ramakant Sinari, head of the department of Humanities in the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India, told a Niagara College audience.

Mr. Sinari gave two lectures at the college Jan. 9, to the electives International Relations and Approaches to Positive Living. Both are taught by James Nicholas.

Defining the non-aligned nations, he said that with superpowers straining to carve out spheres of influence in the Third World, the non-aligned countries refuse, for the most part, to align themselves with either the Communist bloc led by the Soviet Union, or the Western bloc led by the United States.

Criticism against the movement is that it nurtures a pro-Soviet lobby. India's ambiguous response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan is noted. United States supplies arms to Pakistan, another non-aligned nation. "The questions that arise are how far have they been non-aligned with respect to foreign affairs and foreign policies? Can they really be so?"



RAMAKANT SINARI

In most non-aligned nations there is "tremendous manpower, not much sophisticated technology, and the per capita income is miserably low compared to people in the power blocs."

VOCAL FORCE IN UN

The non-aligned movement, which has had a checkered past, is a vocal force in the United Nations Organization. They participate actively in international politics. "They are in support of the under-privileged, the poor, the coloreds, etc.," he said.

In a second speech on reconciling individual and social development, Mr. Sinari said man has a desire to belong to society and at the same time wants to be independent from it.

He wants the freedom to dissent: "I have the right to criticize it, to reshape it, to belong to and step out of it." This is the ambivalence of man.

The educational process must develop in him a critical sense. Theoretically, there are two distinct ideologies in society, individualism and collectivism. In an individualistic society individual good is considered supreme as opposed to a collectivist society where man is subordinate to state. But no society can be totally individualistic, Mr. Sinari said. There has to be an attempt at bridging the gap.

The alumni association meeting on Jan. 4 had complimentary wine and cheese sponsored by the Student Administrative Council (SAC). Around the table are: Michael Cuttler, newsletter; Ross Wallace, vice chairman; Michael Stuppiello, treasurer; Silvana Stuppiello, secretary; and Diane Ujfalussy, social annd travel.(Photo by Sue Kmita)

Telephone campaign

NC alumni look for members

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) sponsored a wine and cheese party for the new Niagara College Alumni Association in the Tecumseh Lounge Jan. 4. Members of the press and some of the Niagara College's faculty and administrative staff and past graduates attended.

Ross Wallace, vice-chairman of the association said the alumni executive is going to have a "blitz night" which means telephoning many graduates. "It will take a lot of time and it can get pretty discouraging."

About 8,000 letters have been sent out but more than 7,000 came back with outdated or incorrect addresses.

The alumni executive consists of Carmen Angi, chairman, 1983 graduate from business administration - marketing management and SAC president last year; Mr. Wallace, vice-chairman, 1971 journalism graduate; Silvana Stuppiello, secretary, 1978 graduate in business administration - financial management; Michael Stuppiello, treasurer, 1983 graduate from the business administration - financial management program.

The following are committee directors: Susan Gullett, finance; Catherine Shaubel, membership; Mike Cuttler, newsletter; Diane Ujfalussy, social and travel; Henry Zupanc, athletics; Sherrall Trottier, goals and objectives; and Glen Taylor, career seminars and workshops.

Memberships cost $10 annually and the member is entitled to belong to the group for a lifetime. Meetings are held every third Wednesday.

Apprentices receive industrial awards

Eleven Niagara College apprentices received awards at the second annual Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee (NITAC) awards banquet in Niagara Falls.

The ceremonies are held to honor outstanding achievment among apprentices training at Niagara College.

This year's winners were: Paul Fehrman, general machinist; John Steinman, tool & die; Norman Damato, industrial millwright, and Stan Pockaj, cook, all in the skills development division.

Joe Zoccoli, general machinist; Allen Sackfie, tool & die; and Allen Schott, motor vehicle mechanic, were winners in the intermediate division.

In the basic program division, recipients were: Frank Chandy, general machinist; Howard Reid, industrial millwright; Peter Wolf, cook, and Lantz MacKinnon, motor vehicle mechanic.

SPONSOR APPRENTICE

The theme behind NITAC is to get employers to sponsor apprentice training to increase the effectiveness of graduates in their jobs.

Rudi Masswohl, manager of Employment and Immigration Canada, in Welland, said Canada has been dependent on foreign supply for too long. The apprentice programs ensure employers they are getting a quality worker.

Doug McKaye, training consultant to metal training, said NITAC has achieved success in many other communities across the province but the task is great while resources are limited.

More ways are needed to convince employers to sponsor apprentices, he said. Most of them think of an apprentice as a cost rather than a gain because they are not getting a fully qualified worker. They need to realize the apprentice program will pay off in the long run with an increase of productivity in a time of a stiffening economy.

WILL MONOR MORE

Joe Furgal, chairman of NITAC, said while Niagara College apprentices "are honored today, tomorrow outstanding achievements" by trainees in other professions will be honored in the commuity.

This includes simulated work experience for laid-off apprentices in machine and welding, upgrading programs for laid off welders, Training in Business Industry (TIBI) for draftpersons in computer-aided design, and Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) preparing young, unemployed people for jobs in industry and commerce.

"We are facilitating surveys among employers to determine the type of skills their workers will require," Mr. Furgal said.

By providing more skilled workers for employers, the college will encourage them to improve their organizations by making use of new productivity tools like statistical process control, quality circles, and flexible automated manufacturing systems, he said.

NITAC must adapt to this changing role in technological advance, now, in apprentice-training, Mr. Furgal said.

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Mavis Asbil, second-year secretarial student, is presented with a $200 cheque by Margaret Freeman, shorthand co-ordinator. Mavis won the fourth annual Rosemary Harris-Lowe contest which was established by her many friends and colleagues in her memory. (Photo by Renata Dinnocenzo)

Mavis Asbil fourth Harris-Lowe winner

Mavis Asbil, second-year secretarial arts student, was the winner of the fourth annual Rosemary Harris-Lowe Shorthand Contest.

After her death in 1979, Mrs. Harris-Lowe's many friends and colleagues established a fund in her memory to encourage excellence in the writing and transcription of shorthand.

Mrs. Harris-Lowe taught at Niagara College as a shorthand teacher and co-ordinator from its opening in 1967 until her retirement in 1978.

Besides receiving a silver tray and cheque for $200, Mavis will have her name engraved on a plaque located in the Mackenzie Building commemorating Rosemary Harris-Lowe.

Open to all students taking shorthand, the contest is based on highest speed and most accurate transcript.

"This was the first year that first year students competed," Margaret Freeman, shorthand co-ordinator, said.

In fact, a first-year secretarial arts student, Louise Avolio, came in second place.

Third place winner was Debbie Hogg, second-year secretarial arts student.

The contest, administered by Shirley Roberto, shorthand teacher, consisted of two tests—one held on Nov. 24 and another on Dec. 1.

Fashion show features 200th

In commemoration of Ontario's 200th anniversary, the theme of Niagara College's 1984 fashion show is bicentennial.

Bright Lights and Celebration, as it is called, will be held on Jan. 24 and will feature 10 bicentennial costumes. Also displayed will be four categories: sports and separates, suits, day wear and evening wear.

Due to greater feasilbility of production and greater seating capacity, this year's show will be held in the college cafeteria at 8 p.m., Marie Lynch, co-ordinator of fashion arts, said. The show is produced by fashion arts students.

"Jacqueline Robarts (college president) has been most supportive," Ms. Lynch said. Radio and television programs are involved in the production of the show.

IN TORONTO

On Feb. 17, Bright Lights and Celebration will be presented at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, to show costumes and the modern designs that were influenced by the United Empire Loyalist period. On March 20, The Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring the show, combined with fashions from the Right House to be presented at Laura Secord Secondary School, St. Catharines. The proceeds from the sale of tickets are to be donated to the CATSCAN campaign. Finally, a capsule show will be presented at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club and the St. Catharines branch of the Women's Club.

Program name change is upsetting to interior design students

Interior design students are furious over the change of name of their program from interior design to interior decorating.

The name change was approved by the Board of Governors in May, 1983. It was accepted by the ministry of colleges and universities and the name was formally changed in May,1983.

The students were not aware of the change of name and were upset when they returned after Christmas and thought they were now in interior decorating.

"I enrolled in interior design and I want to graduate in interior design," said Karen McKinnon, second-year design student.

PROTEST CHANGE

In groups of twos and threes the students went to the office of Dennis Malone, chairman of the communications and creative arts division, to protest the name change.

No problem. "Students now in the program could graduate in design," said Mr. Malone. "Any change in programs at the college has never been retroactive."

The name change was proposed so that second-year students will graduate as decorators. Those who want to gain admission to the Interior Designers of Ontario will be going to third year and they will graduate as interior designers.

Interior Designers of Ontario (IDO) requires three years of college plus four years of work experience before gaining admission the the IDO.

"In the long run it is to take care of the qualifications of the third-year students," Ron Gordon, instructor in interior design, said.

SAID UNFAIR

Mr. Gordon said it is unfair to students who have earned a degree in design to have second-year students graduate as interior designers.

As it stands, the third-year interior design at Niagara College is suspended "but will be offered if enough students want to take it," Mr. Malone said.

"If there are not enough students to make up a third-year program, those who want to take the third year will have to go to another college," Mr. Gordon said. "We already have some students doing just that."

Mr. Malone said students now in interior design—and that applies to first and second-year students—will be graduating in interior design.

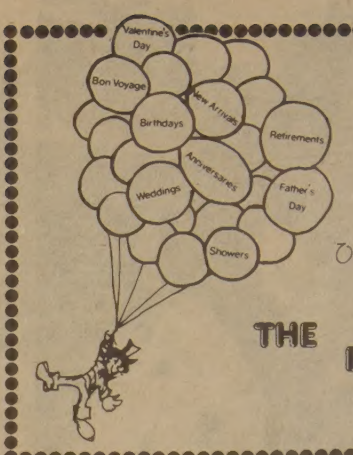
"Only students applying for admission to the program after the name change was made official will be in interior decorating," he said.

Mr. Malone said a submission is to be presented to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, to hold off the name change until it applies to students who register for the September 1984, program.

Committee aims to provide forum for college policies

Those responsible for the administrative officers committee are Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, and Dr. Nora McCardell, director of educational and student services.

The committee which will meet once a month, aims to promote input, management decision-making, sharing information, and providing a forum to preview college procedures and policies, Mr. LaRose said.



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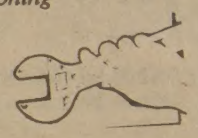
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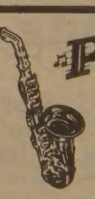
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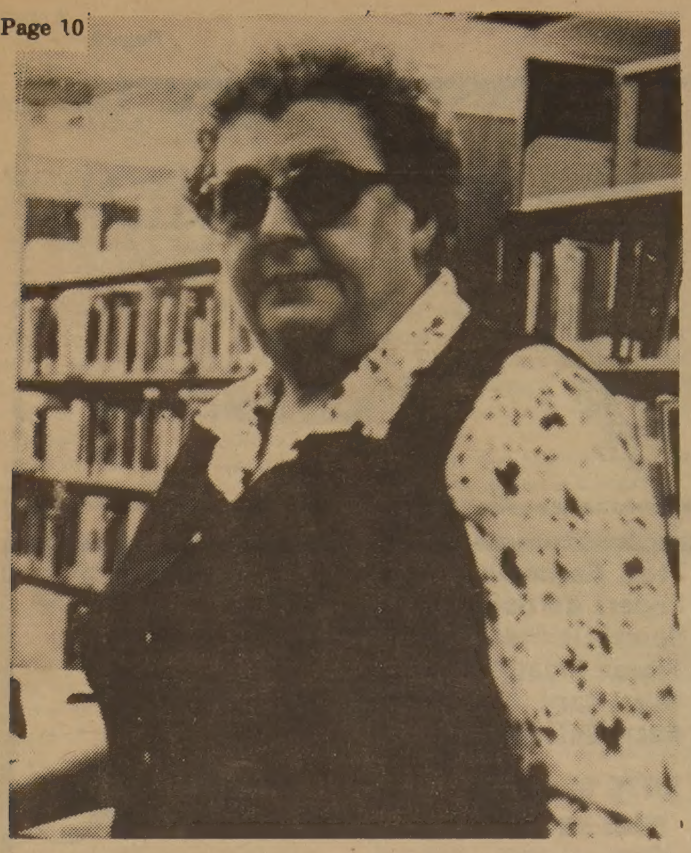


Alyce Bowes donates a copy of Athene, Goddess of War, The Canadian Women's Army Corps, Their Story, to the Welland Vale library. Miss Bowes is the only female ex-army service person on Niagara College staff and received two copies of the recently-published book. (Photo by Jane Stirling)

Services women first liberators

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

If you should ask a young person today about the origins of the women's liberation movement, the stock answer would include bra-burning, the birth control pill, Gloria Steinem and the 1960s.

If you should ask the same question of people who served in the Second World War, the answer would be different. They would say women's liberation really got rolling when women entered the services.

The first significant Canadian women's military history to be published tells of women serving in the army. Athene, goddess of War, The Canadian Women's Army Corps, Their Story, tells of women breaking down barriers and facing a tradition-bound, somewhat chauvinistic army to serve their country in war-time. Filled with anecdotes, diary excerpts and pictures, the book tells how 21,000 Canadian women convinced the federal government, a reluctant army and a doubting public that they could be of valuable assistance.

Alyce Bowes, a counsellor at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus, does not need to be convinced about the value of army women. She is the only female ex-army service person on staff. Miss Bowes served in the First Corps from 1942 to 1946 in Canada, Great Britain, Holland, Germany Belgium and Poland.

DONATES BOOK

As a veteran, she received a copy of the limited edition and donated another copy to the Welland Vale library. "We have waited a long time for this story to come out. We are all very proud of what we did."

Army women "did anything and everything," Miss Bowes said. "Where drivers were needed, office workers needed, we went."

While in Canada, she worked at the Hamilton Trade School setting up tests and programs for servicemen in welding and machine shop sections. "They were sent from all over Canada, 3,000 at a time. For in-depth training before being sent to the battle zone."

Maria Edelman, Welland Vale librarian, said the book is a valuable addition to the women's collection. "These women were just doing their duty there but looking back on it, it was a first for women's liberation."

"The book is very important in Canadian history," Miss Bowes said. "We were johnny-on-the-spot at times for fixing jeeps or whatever. Women's lib started long before now. It's not something new."

Niagara College received a copy of Athene, goddess of War last month.

Shift-work marine courses give working environment

With an emphasis on practical work experience and simulated work environment in many of its programs, it seems only natural that shift-work should invade the classrooms of Niagara College's Welland Vale campus.

Starting this month, students in the marine programs, will attend school in two shifts, Joe Brandy, program co-ordinator, said.

The 125 navigational students will be at Welland Vale from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. Fifty marine engineers will attend from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Last year, the marine engineers took classes at Niagara District Secondary School due to a lack of space at Niagara College.

The marine program includes courses for all levels of navigational and engineering certificates. Navigation classes started Jan. 9 and run for 10 weeks; marine engineers begin classes today for eight weeks.

Computer security world concern home systems may tap records

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Computer security has become a world-wide public concern since a California teenager tapped major hospital and bank records with a home computer last year, and Niagara College has safeguards in place to make sure it never happens here.

Louise Leroux, head of the computer centre, said while the scenario is "conceivable" at the college, "it would be difficult, if not impossible, for an unauthorized user to hook onto our system."

"It will probably never happen here," Ms. Leroux told the Niagara News, but added, "It's a little like birth control—you never know if it's 100 per cent sure until it fails."

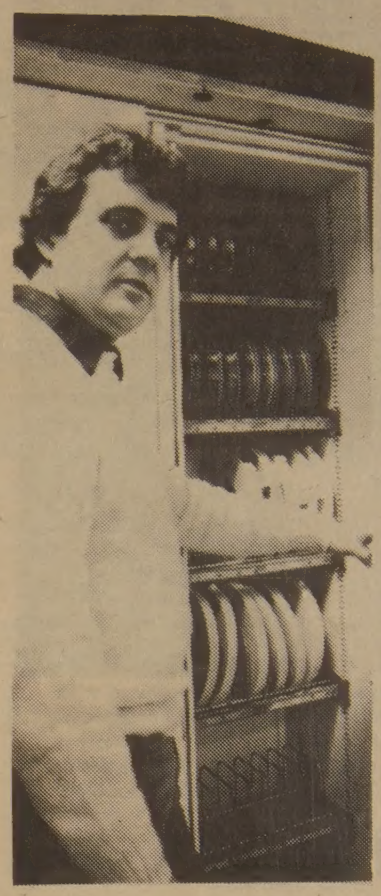
The college's main frame computer system, valued at about $1 million, has automatic checks built in to detect what the industry calls "hackers", the unauthorized who try to hook into systems.

CAN CHECK

The computer can set up checks to see if there have been repeated attempts to log onto the system through random phone number dialling or through random password use, Ms. Leroux said. Those trying to hook in by phone could be traced to their phone number.

She said although there have been no attempts so far to hook into the system, "It's a concern. We're always aware that people may try."

"There was a point in time in industry when security wasn't very good, because there weren't all these home computers out, but in the last five years security has tightened all through the industry."



Computer operator Lawrence Wells says college records are protected. (Photo by Carol Alaimo)

Governments around the world are busily drafting new legislation to deal with information theft as the technological revolution grows, she said.

"If you use a computer to steal money you can be charged with theft, but if you use a computer to steal information, there are no clear-cut laws."

BLACKOUT LOSS

Main frame computers must be kept running 24 hours a day, even when not in use, and the threat of information loss during a power blackout is often another area of concern.

A recent power failure at Toronto's Dominion Centre, one of Canada's largest financial complexes, caused one local radio announcer to quip, "I hope they lose my insurance premium notice while the computers are down."

Lawrence Wells, an operator in Niagara College's mainframe area, said public concerns about information loss are based on common misconceptions. "I've heard comments (similar to the radio announcer's) but they are based on a lack of knowledge," Mr. Wells told the Niagara News.

All main frame systems have backup power available, and the most that could conceivably be lost is a small amount of information that was being worked down at the time of the blackout, he said.

He said information is not stored in the computer itself, but on tapes that are transferred into fire-proof vaults. As added protection against loss, duplicate tapes are routinely made and are stored in off-site vaults away from the mainframe area.

"Our biggest fear here is not power failure. The reason we do so much backup is to protect our records in case of a fire, flood or other disaster."

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'Hell hath no fury'!

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

They are mad as hell and they're not going to take it any more — at least not without speaking up!

An international women's group recently formed in Buffalo, New York, is dedicated to providing jilted women with moral support and a forum for their views.

Buffalo's Lynne Baldwin, 25, who formed the Love's Unfortunate Victims (LUV) Association, said the self-help group includes members from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Niagara Falls, Ont., and Sanborn, N.Y.

She said the group came together "more or less by accident" through business and personal acquaintances from whom Cupid's arrow had emerged slightly dented.

The LUV Association, funded entirely through donations will be "trying to create public awareness for women about possible love-trap situations," Ms. Baldwin said.

Group discussion meetings have revealed common denominators in many of the members' unfortunate romantic experiences, and a list called 10 Ways to Spot a Loser has been compiled "for the fun of it, but it contains a lot of truths," Ms. Baldwin said.

WARNING LIST

She said the list warns women to avoid:

- Any man over 50 with a curly perm.
- Any man who wears sunglasses with mirrored lenses.
- Any man whose car has a hood ornament in the shape of a stallion.
- Any man who wears too much gold jewelry.
- Any man whose favorite song is New York, New York, and he has never been there.
- Any man whose car sports a scented Playboy air freshener.
- Any man who serves cocktails containing ice cubes shaped like a woman's bosom.
- Any man whose car has a padded dash and reclining seats.
- Any man with an Elvis-on-velvet portrait in his living room.
- Any man with a visibly whitened patch of skin on his left ring finger.

"It's all in good fun," Ms. Baldwin said.

"Many of our members have to keep laughing so they won't cry."

B-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r!

Baby, it's cold outside — with record-breaking temperatures greeting students each morning. Ahhh...for a palm tree and a sandy beach!
(Photo by Carol Alaimo)

Purchase new equipment
Career options increased

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

A $120,000 purchase of computer programming equipment for Niagara College's machine shop apprenticeship program will increase career options for students and prove to be a "big drawing card for the college," Art Gill, program co-ordinator, said.

In the next two months, Niagara College will purchase a computer tape preparation system and at least 10 student stations for machine shop apprentices, Mr. Gill said.

A computer tape preparation system does computer-assisted programs for machine tools and would enable the college to expand its computer numerical control (CNC) program.

The machine shop apprentice program teaches programming and operating of CNC machinery but "right now, we are dealing more with the operating aspect than the programming," he said. "In September, we could offer more computer programming."

One type of equipment being considered is Numeridex Nicam III Programming System, a computer-assisted language. Consisting of a color graph CRT (cathode ray tube), tape punch/reader, plotter and printer, the new system "would give us the capability to do computer-assisted programming for any CNC machine regardless of its type of control unit," Mr. Gill said.

TWO MACHINES

There are two CNC machines at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus—a vertical milling machine and a wire cut electrical discharge machine. The Fanuc system, with one station, supports the wire CNC machine.

The Nicam III system could support both machines. Its language is run through a universal post processor and gives an output in numerical control language for any machine.

On the new equipment, a program could be typed out and the computer would output a picture on the small TV-like screen or print the actual program. From this point on, the process could take several different paths. The computer could ouput to the printer, to the plotter, to the punch reader or store the output on a floppy disk or on the computer's hard disk.

"This system greatly reduces the amount of programming time it would take to do all this work manually," Mr. Gill said.

The Nicam III system has the additional advantage of back-plotting. "By putting a numerical control tape back through the system, it draws on the screen what the machine tool should be doing. You can visually see and detect errors in the tape before they even get to the machine," he explained.

Poor turnout at meeting yet library solution found

Three classrooms will be open to students during double lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays to compensate for the congestion in the library, Denis Noel, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, told a handful of class representatives at a general meeting on Jan. 5.

Rooms L2, L4 and ME208 will be available. Denis said this came as the result of a student's suggestion in the suggestion box that there are problems finding seats in the library during double lunches.

Denis said the "dismal turnout" at the meeting "shows a lack of interest." Only 11 of the 60 class representatives attended. He said it was publicized in the papers and notices were posted around the college. He said he is hoping for a better turnout at the next meeting on Feb. 2.

Tech school gets money

The Niagara College technology school is ringing in the new year with a $398,000 grant from the federal government.

The money will be used to buy state-of-the-art equipment to broaden students' skill base in mechanical technology, Dr. Anthony Knowles, dean, said.

Funded by the federal skills growth fund, the projects include construction of an instrumentation laboratory with computer numerically controlled equipment.

Once in place, the projects will be used by both regular daytime students and as part of a new continuing education program.

"We're hoping the Canada Employment and Immigration Centre will buy seats into a 40-week program," said Dr. Knowles, whose objectives when appointed dean in 1983 include even more involvement with industry and government retraining programs.

Both programs will be instituted in two phases. Phase two will begin in 1985 and more grant money will be applied for next year.

"The community college system has a lot of educational challenges to meet and must get in gear before the end of the decade," Dr. Knowles said.

Pinning Ceremony

Health Care Aides, trained at Greater Niagara General Hospital and Mount Carmel, recently received pins and certificates upon completion of the three-month course.

The 17 recipients are: Madeleine Belair, Nellie Braunlin, Deborah Currie, Elaine Donofrio, Nancy Dyet, Sandra Evoy, Lora Fledderus, Adele Jones, Louisa Krasnay, Agnes Lambourne, Donna Lister, Shelly Soper, Sheila Stewart, Vera Stroomer, Julia Turingia, Donna Vanderveen and Cheryl Willis.

Representatives of Greater Niagara General Hospital, Mount Carmel, Canada Employment and Immigration Centre and Niagara College attended the event, while Louisa Krasnay spoke on behalf of the students.

BILD program

Unemployed get relief
Province gives grants

Two provincial grants for unemployed workers have been awarded to Niagara College after unions approached the administration requesting additional training programs.

Under the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) initiative program, the union of plumbers and pipefitters and the union of millwrights and sheet metal workers requested additional training for their workers on layoff, Nelson Long, training consultant in the Industrial Division, said.

Starting today, plumbers and pipefitters begin classes in hydraulics and pneumatics at the Welland campus. Millwrights and sheet metal workers begin the welder/fitting course at the Welland Vale campus in St. Catharines.

"We are taking people on layoff and trying to increase their skills so when they get back to work, they'll be better off," Mr. Long said.

The unions approached Niagara College first and this shows that not only companies are concerned about the job situation, he said. "Members from both unions will be expanding their abilities and this will help the union and the company to procure contracts if there are better-qualified workers."

Both courses will run for 20 weeks with 20 students in each course.

The students will be paid regular unemployment wages, Larry Hoy, chairman of the mechanical/civil division, said. "For some, their benefits would have been exhausted."

At press time, the exact amount of the grants was not yet known.

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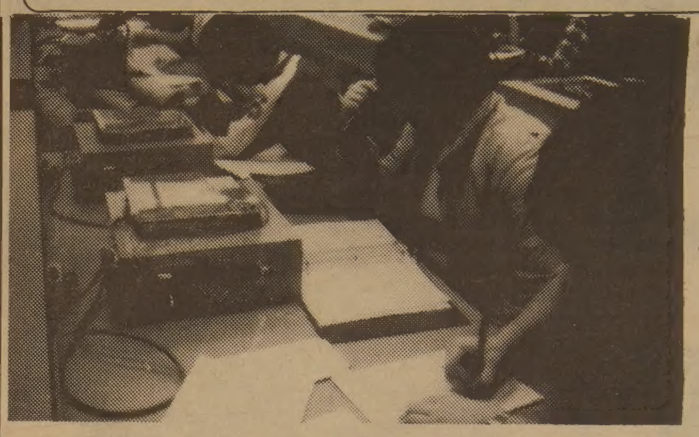
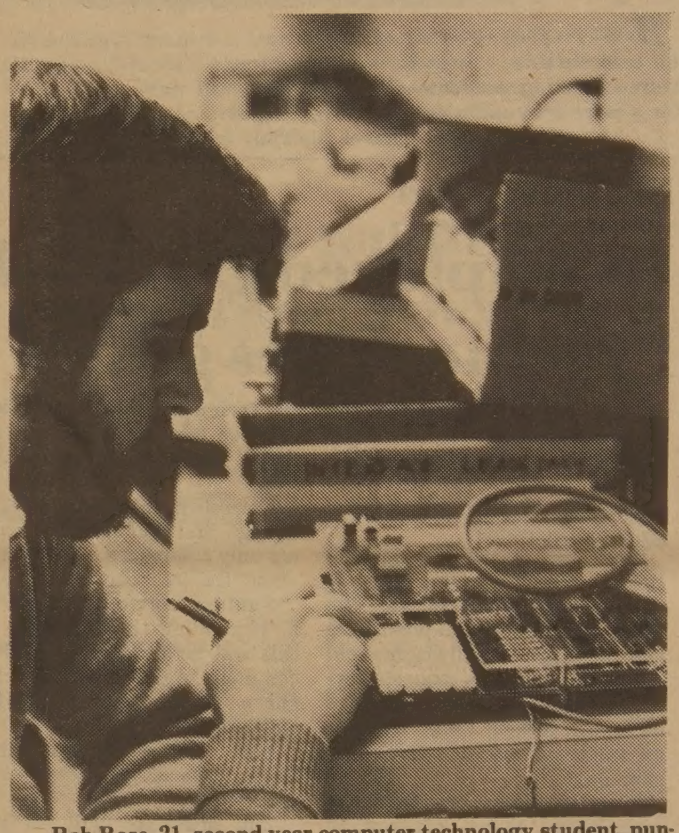


Second-year computer technology students in a class in assembling language programming work on a simple computer kit.

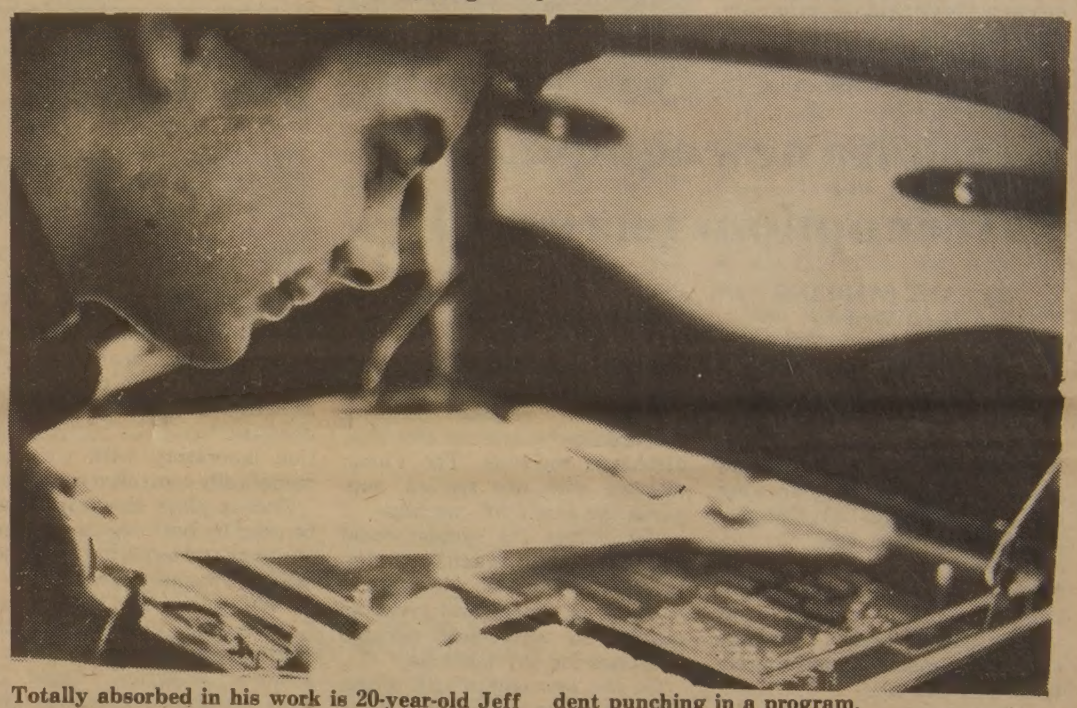
computer engineering technology

For the first time, the Niagara News will go behind the cameras to feature a variety of programs at the college. This week's spotlight falls on the second-year computer engineering technology students. The program places emphasis on microcomputer design, construction, programming and troubleshooting industrial control and product-design applications.

A complicated program appears on the VDT screen of the VAX computer system as Jeff Kloet, 21, second-year computer technology student, puts this state-of-the-art technology through its paces. (Photo by Jane Stirling)



Bob Rose, 21, second-year computer technology student, punches away at a simple computer kit, programming the delicate piece of hardware. (Photo by Jane Stirling)



Totally absorbed in his work is 20-year-old Jeff Tronko, a second-year computer technology student punching in a program. (Photo by Chitra Ramasethu)

Jobs require fluency in English, prospective employers say

By TRACEY CHAGNON
Staff Writer

Competence in English and communication skills is important in getting employment in today's competitive world.

Three Welland employers were asked by a Niagara News reporter what they look for when interviewing prospective employees. Bob Wallwork, director of personnel at Wllland County General Hospital, said "Every student should take English, whether it is necessary or not, regardless of what course he is in." An education provides a chance for students to prove themselves to an employer, by allowing them to display knowledge and the ability to learn. "After that, it's up to you."

There are Niagara College graduates working at the hospital now, in the medical records department, Mr. Wallwork said. He is happy with the graduates' work. "Generally, I find them no different than graduates from other community colleges." The hospital also hires nurses, tradesmen, and technology graduates.

GRADES IMPORTANT

Grades are an important criteria when deciding whom to hire, David Barrett, Welland city clerk, said. High academic marks show initiative, hard work and specific goals.

Mr. Barrett said it is important for a graduate applying for a job at city hall to have an awareness of local government. Most of the positions held by graduates are secretarial jobs; however, key punch operators and engineering technicians are also employed.

While still in school, students should work hard and try to attain the highest grades possible, Jim Gifford, personnel manager at Canadian Tire Acceptance Ltd., said. They should not wait until the last weeks of school to start their job hunts. "Start early" is the best advice.

He said the company employs Niagara College graduates to work at secretarial jobs, and also log data entry, which may lead to other positions.

Mr. Gifford said the more graduates know about the company, the greater the impression which is left.

How much graduates should know depends on the job applied for, Mr. Wallwork said. The hospital participates in a clinical training program which gives students an edge. They must work as an aide or an orderly in a hospital as part of their training. "Because we are looking for people to hire, we keep an eye on him (the student)," he said.

Mr. Wallwork said students should not be concerned only with the salary. Instead, they should choose a field in which they will be successful. If undecided, they should look at job prospects five or six years in the future.

Tuesdays through Thursdays are spent in the counselling department doing mainly secretarial tasks, Michelle said. When she comes into work each day, she speaks to Betty Lou DiMattio, counselling secretary, and finds out what is required of her.

Enjoys co-op work at college

She types, files and meets and greets people. Hired by Bette Ferguson, director of student services, Michelle McKenty, second-year secretarial arts student, works both in the counselling department and the Career Library.

Michelle is on a co-op work term until April and feels her job is good experience. "I do a variety of jobs, a little bit of everything." She enjoys the people aspect of the job. "I talk to people on the phone and meet them face-to-face."

Michelle's job in the Career Library on Mondays and Fridays involves a certain amount of responsibility, as she is the only worker in at that time. She must catch her own mistakes and correct them before she shows the finished product to the counsellor for whom she is working on that day.

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Illusionist's future plans include death-defying stunt

By SUE KMITA
Staff Writer

It is said the hand is quicker than the eye. Erik Slone, an illusionist who performed in the Hamilton Room last term, hopes his hand is quicker than the eye when he attempts a death-defying feat.

The 25-year-old illusionist said he plans to do a stunt over Lake Ontario. He will be nailed in a packaging crate with hands bound. The crate will be raised 300 feet by a helicopter. The rope connecting the box to the helicopter will be set on fire and the box lowered to Lake Ontario.

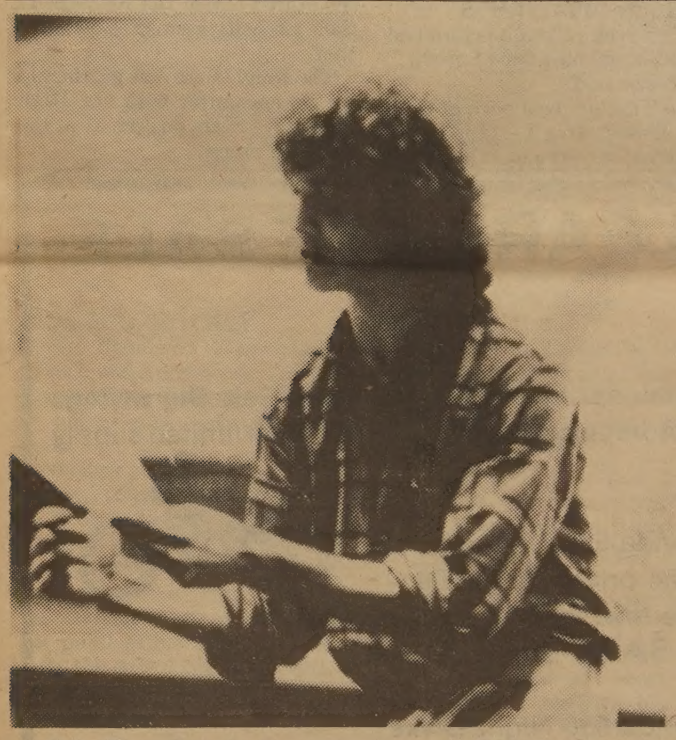
There are many potential endings to his stunt that are still being discussed, but he doesn't plan on just swimming out of the lake, he said.

Harry Tokarz, manager from Chandelle promotions, said a definite date has not been set, but the stunt will come off as soon as he can clear the "political arena". Mr. Tokarz said the police department is worried because of the crowd the stunt will attract and people want a guarantee the stunt is going to work.

When he was 19, Erik received national coverage. In Ottawa, he was lowered into the waters of Dow's Lake during the winter. His hands and feet were bound and he was submerged in 10 feet of icy water. After 13 seconds, Erik came out of the water accomplishing his underwater escape.

Erik, who was born in Ottawa and resides in Toronto said he was 16 years old when he became interested in magic and illusion. He said he has had a marketable and professional act since about five years ago. "I have spent about $60,000 on my profession including travelling costs over the last 10 years."

For those students who missed out on Erik's performance, there may be an act later at Brock University.



Rob Wipond reads his poetry to a small audience in the Hamilton Room on Jan. 10. Mr. Wipond adds a new twist to his poetry readings by incorporating his theatrical talents.
(Photo by Russ Duhaime)

Poet uses many dramatics in performance at college

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

Any traditional view of poetry readings must be thrown out the window, Rob Wipond told his audience as he performed his dramatic readings in the Hamilton Room on Jan. 10 during double lunch.

Mr. Wipond incorporated his theatrical talents with his poetry to bring across a lively animated performance.

His thought-provoking readings dealt with such subjects as war, government brain-washing and drugs. One particularly effective reading was about an experience he had with drugs. In 17 Hits in A minor, he told of the ideas and fears that raced through his head including the possibility of jumping out a window. With a slight change of facial expression and tone of voice he succeeded in jumping from one character to another, creating a visual image of his struggle with time until the effects of the drug wore off.

Mr. Wipond,20, is an English and cultural studies major at Trent University in Peterborough. He has performed in bars and libraries in Peterborough and Toronto. It is difficult to keep the audience's attention in bars, he said. He is working on a one-man play that may be completed by next fall.

He said it was too bad there was not a larger audience at Niagara, but it was not completely accurate to bill him as a poetry reading. "A lot of dramatics are involved." There were about 30 people in the audience, most of whom came from the Theatre Centre.

Hotel Club prepares for int'l dinner

The Hotel Club from the Rainbow Centre campus in Niagara Falls displayed its technique and expertise when members put on their annual Christmas dinner and dance.

The full course meal was delicious, the service was excellent, the atmosphere was festive, and the music was enjoyable.

The club put many months of preparation into this dinner and dance at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 51, in Niagara Falls, on Dec. 10, and it proved to be successful.

This year 160 people attended-compared to 133 people last year. Barry Wright, club president, said the members were hoping that 150 people would attend.

The gourmet meal consisted of appetizers, Rock Cornish hens with wild rice stuffing, scrumptious vegetables, Dutch cherry torte and mince pies for dessert.

For those who missed the Christmas dinner, an international dinner will be held in the middle of April. The dinner will consist of a variety of delicacies which will reflect food from all over the world.

Altered body complicates dress-making

By CHITRA RAMASETHU
Staff Writer

Today women have bigger waists, smaller busts, and are taller than they were 200 years ago.

So fashion arts students discovered while trying to design the shape of bicentennial costumes for their 1984 fashion show.

Louis Berai, fashion arts instructor, said he went to museums and libraries to browse through a myriad of books to spruce up his knowledge of Canada's history. The costumes had to reflect the character and atmosphere of the past.

"To make it look as authentic as posssible, students had to learn the cuts, study historic patterns, costumes and shapes," he said.

As for himself, Mr. Berai said, he had to resort to endless research, "...reading, looking, observing, testing and understanding where the cut came from,"—all of which took about six weeks. "I had to find out what my history was. I had to explain to the students what we were celebrating."

Karen Jordan, a second-year fashion arts student, said the most difficult part was the bodice. "The dresses had no side seams and did not have the dots like modern dresses."

Play looks at music of '40s

Press Theatre in St. Catharines will present a musical revue, Once More! With Fooling!, Jan. 27 to Jan. 29 and Feb. 1 to Feb. 4.

The revue, by Jack Northmore, is a fun look at the music of the '30s and '40s with emphasis on comedy. Two women and two men will sing and dance to the popular tunes of that era.

Tickets are available at the Press Theatre box office, 85 Church St., St. Catharines, or by calling 684-8644.

The revue will be at The Playhouse in Brock University's Centre for the Arts.

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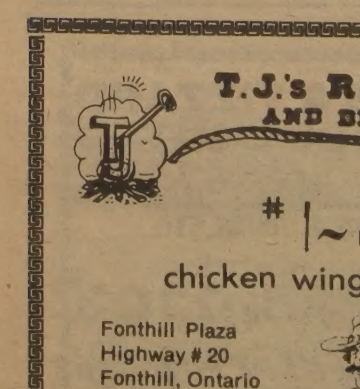
Kings reign

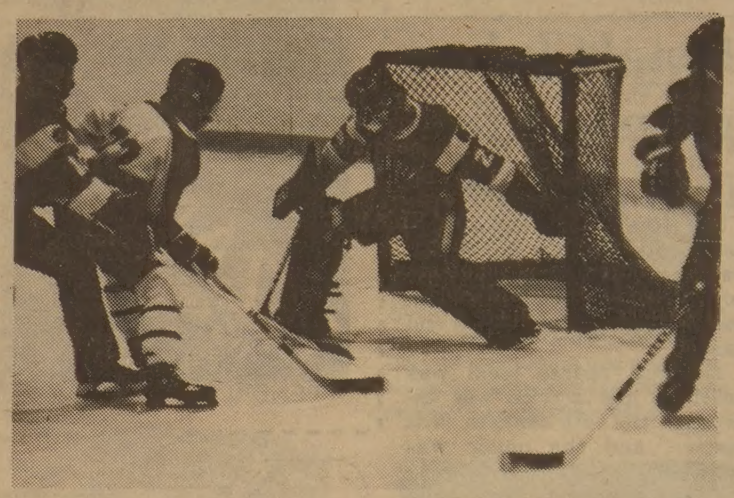
The Gold King team won the intramural floor hockey championship last Tuesday.

They battled it out with the Invaders in the final game but ultimately won 6-2 with good passing and a strong defence.

Members of the Gold Kings are: Les Swim, Mark Toner, Robert Rose, Steve Therrien, Jamie Robson, Pete Ames, Pat Simpson, Dominic Vascio, Chester Mazure, and Boris Apsivis.



Bruins' goaltender stones Knights



Sheridan Bruins' goaltender Jim MacDonald fends off Niagara Knights' forward Al Cousineau as the Knights attempt to score inthe second period of their game. The Bruins vanquished the hometown Knights 5-3.

(Photo by Bill Potrecz)

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

Outstanding goaltending by Sheridan's Jim MacDonald led the Bruins to a 5-3 triumph over the Niagara Knights in an exhibition contest Jan. 7 at the King Street Ice Palace.

The Bruins' goaltender faced 44 shots and was sharp throughout the entire contest.

"We should have played better," coach Fred Bassi said. "We had numerous scoring chances but we were not sharp around the net."

Paul Labonte, Gary Kukoly and Dave O'Laughlin scored for the Knights who suffered when they were unable to kill off their penalties.

The Bruins were playing with only 10 skaters and two goalies; however, the Knights were unable to capitalize on this.

PRAISES OPPONENTS

"They had only 10 players and should be given a lot of credit," Mr. Bassi said.

The Knights used both of their goaltenders, Greg Yari and Kevin Williams, in the contest and both backstops played well. "We had it in mind to give both goaltenders some work in order to keep them sharp," Mr. Bassi said.

Greg, who started in goal, was very sharp in the cage as most of the goals he allowed were on second and third shots.

The game was marred by two incidents in which Sheridan players were injured. Gary Dakin of the Knights received a match penalty for attempting to injure an opponent and another Bruins' player was carried off the ice on a stretcher with what appeared to be a broken leg.

"They were both unfortunate incidents and I feel bad about them," Mr. Bassi said.

The turning point of the game seemed to be in the second period when the Knights had all but killed off the match penalty when the Bruins scored to increase their lead to 3-1. This seemed to take the starch out of the Knights as their intensity seemed to die after that.

The Knights are now gearing up for an encounter with the High School All-Stars on Jan. 21 at the Welland arena.

Niagara skip Don Kretz releases the rock during second end action in the qualifying match of the Men's Standard Molson Bonspiel at the Welland arena. The men's team lost 11-1 to drop into the B division of the tournament.

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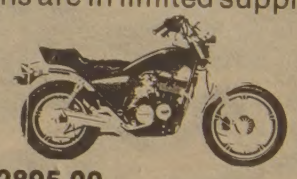

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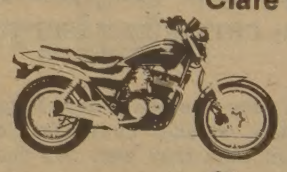

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Knights come close in consolation bid

The Niagara Knight's Women's basketball team lost another squeaker 56-54 at the hands of the Fanshawe Falcons, London, in their bid for the consolation championship at the Scout Basketball Classic last weekend at Seneca College.

The Knights, who had dominated the entire game, seemed to run out of steam in the last minute of play.

"The team became tense, and we didn't run the offence as we should have," Coach Russ Stevenson said.

Niagara and Fanshawe had started the game at a fast pace with both teams playing a good offensive game. The Fanshawe team hustled well and were aggressive, but the Knights defence kept them out of the key, forcing the Falcons to shoot from outside.

Good blocking and Fanshawe turnovers helped the Knights jump out to a 20-7 lead by the end of the first quarter.

HUSTLE, SHOOTING

Hustle from Rose DiMarco and Paula Vincent and the excellent shooting from Vicki Partington gave the Knights continued domination of the team from London.

Fanshawe continued their aggressive play and set their plays well only to be stopped by the defensive efforts of the Niagara team.

With strong rebounding by Janice Hogeveen and Judy Helstab, the Knights controlled the boards well, often beating the Falcons to the ball. Accurate shooting from outside and well executed plays helped the Knights gain a 30-17 lead at the end of the first half.

STARTED QUICKLY

The Fanshawe team started quickly and aggressively in the second half narrowing the margin to six points as the Knights seemed tense.

Niagara's defence allowed the Falcons to penetrate into the key more often than in the first half.

The second half was a back-and-forth battle with the Falcons closing the gap to six points only to see the Knights go ahead by 12 at one point in the third quarter.

At the end of the third quarter the Knights held a 46-37 lead over the Falcons.

PRESSED MORE

The Fanshawe team continued aggressive play and pressed the Knights continually. They started to control the game in the last five minutes of play as the Knights seemed to be playing in confusion.

The Knights offence lost its sharpness and several fouls in the dying minutes of the game cost Niagara the lead.

A costly turnover gave a Fanshawe player a break which would give the Falcons the victory.

"The team is working well together and the only goal to achieve is to play a 40-minute game like we played in the first half," Coach Stevenson said. "I am sure we can beat them."

Tall victory

The women's basketball team played their semi-final consolation game against the Maisonneuve Vikings from Montreal easily defeating them 72-35.

Niagara controlled the play the entire game, getting a good effort from all the players.

The Maisonneuve team were a quick team but were dominated by the taller players from the Knights. "The Vikings are a quick team but small," Coach Stevenson said.

Judy Helstab, Nancy Mather and Vicki Partington of the Niagara Knights in action against the Fanshawe Falcons. The Fanshawe Falcons defeated the Knights in the same fashion as in their first meeting, edging the Knights out in the last few minutes of the game. (Photo by Murray Stewart)

Coach laments losses

By DON ROSS
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights continued a losing string by dropping both games in a weekend basketball tournament held at George Brown College in Toronto.

The Knights fell 76-69 to the Seneca Braves on Jan. 6 and 81-79 to the George Brown Huskies on Jan. 7. The losses coupled with the regular season defeats increased the Knights' losing skein to six games.

"We don't deserve to win the way we're playing," coach Paul Deeton said, shaking his head disconsolately. "We stopped playing with pride, guts and determination. The guys are putting the blame on everything but themselves and they've run out of excuses. If you want to win you play to win, right now they're just going through the motions."

Against the Seneca team the Knights controlled the play in the first half and left for the dressing room leading 33-30, but Seneca's fast breaks and Niagara's giveaways blew the game open for the Braves who went on to outscore the Knights 46-36 the rest of the way.

Paul Weller paced the Knights' attack with 17 points. Alex Cattrysse with 14 points and Don Campbell with 11 led the rest of the Knights' scoring.

DOGGED ATTEMPT

Saturday's game versus the George Brown Huskies showed little improvement although the score was much closer. The Knights trailed by nine points with 2 ½ minutes remaining but staged a dogged come-back spurt to pull even. With 30 seconds remaining the Knights' attack sputtered as they fouled the Huskies three times. The winning points for George Brown came on free throws with time running out on the clock.

The Knights missed many easy layups in the first half, miscues which loomed large at the end of the game.

Mark Ford topped the Niagara scoring with 19 points. Don Campbell scored 15 points and Paul Weller added 11 in the losing effort.

Team manager Fraser Holmes said the Knights showed no enthusiasm in the weekend matches.

Fortunately for the Knights, the defeats will not count on their season record, the tournament being held to sharpen players' skills at the mid-point of the season.

The Knights, riding at 7-5, played at Conestoga last Thursday.

Ski, skate, walk, ride through Niagara snow

By JUDY McEWEN
Sports Editor

Watching sports on television promotes only flab and it's too late to join any college teams. So what's there to do on a frosty, Niagara weekend to beat the January blahs?

Plenty. You can ski, skate, hike or hayride, and most of these activities are within a snowball's throw of Niagara College.

For starters, most area golf courses allow cross-country skiers free of charge.

Lack of equipment is no excuse. Deeton's Sports and Leisure in Fonthill offers a 10 per cent discount to Niagara College students. Everything for cross-country skiing, including boots, poles and bindings, will cost less than $8 per day, $10 per weekend and $50 for the whole season.

Apres ski

On weekends, Donna and John Durbano, managers of Riverview Golf Course on Regional Road 24, keep hot chocolate, coffee and hot-dogs on hand for skiers. "If there's lots of snow," and a good turnout is expected, "we put on a pot of soup," Mrs. Durbano said. Washrooms are also available.

Shorthills Provincial Park, north of Welland, offers trickier trails for more accomplished skiers.

Skaters can spend a couple hours gliding around Welland Arena, 501 King St., Saturdays, 1 ' 3 p.m., or Sundays, 2 ' 4 p.m. for $1.

A hard freeze after a mild spell usually guarantees great skating surfaces on the many area creeks and pond.Drive through the countryside and find your own private rink, but ask the farmer's permission, if possible, and close gates behind you.

If a nature walk is more your style, the Niagara Bruce Trail Club conducts hikes, at no charge, almost every weekend.

A 5.3-mile hike is planned Saturday, Jan. 21, through Louth Conservation Area. If you plan to go, dress for the weather that day and be at Rockway Community Centre, on Pelham Road, at 10 a.m.

An easier walk—less than three miles—from Marlette Road to DeCew House, will take place Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. Walkers are asked to meet at the DeCew House parking lot on DeCew Road.

Ice fishing

Another way to enjoy the fresh air and maybe catch dinner is by ice fishing. "Dress really warm," advises Jim O'Laughlin, deputy conservation officer for the ministry of natural resources.

One popular spot is Gravelly Bay, off Port Colborne, he said, but you could also try your luck off Point Albino or on the Niagara River. Perch, pike and, later in the season, smelt, are usually available. It's best to get a copy of the government fishing regulations, available from any sports store, before you go, he said, because some species and fishing methods are prohibited.

Fresh air

For fun and fresh air, without the bother of exercise, a good, old-fashioned hayride is the answer.

Greg Black's team of sturdy Belgians will take you for a ride through nighttime Niagara.

At $3 per person, with a minimum charge of $50, it's inexpensive entertainment for a gang of students. The rides, down back roads and along the canal, last about 1½ hours, said Donna Black of Hurricane Road, Fonthill, adding the gang sometimes winds up the night at T.J.'s in Fonthill.

"Dress warm. Even on a mild night it's cold when the horses get going." Hats and mitts are a necessity, she said.

School team sweeps clean

A Niagara College curling team of students, faculty and administration was the top high game winner at the Oyster Bonspiel in St. Catharines.

A total of 22 rinks competed in the competition held at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club Dec. 10.

Don Kretz, data processing student, represented the students; Bill Ford represented the Board of Governors; Bob Young, curling manager, represented the faculty, and import Don McAuley, from Brock University, represented the athletic faculty.

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Four marketing students were responsible for providing marketing assistance to various community organizations. Front row, from left, Gail Thiessen and Agnes Flutur; back row, from left, Richard Daugherty and Steve Pevere. (Photo by Pauline King)

Marketing students work for community

By PAULINE KING
Staff Writer

Providing service to more than 25 organizations in an 18-week period allowed four marketing students to obtain essential work experience.

The then second-year students, Agnes Flutur, Steve Pevere, Gail Thiessen and Richard Daugherty, were involved in a federally funded summer work program called Marketing Assistance for Non-Profit Community Organizations (MANCO).

Operating from the marketing lab in the school and in an independent nature, they were responsible for making a list of all non-profit organizations found in the phone book and provide marketing assistance for them. Prepared press releases were then sent out into the community.

The responsibilities were "not designated, you do this, you do that," Steve said. Most solutions were the result of the combined efforts of all four.

"Upon receiving requests, the group would determine where they could assist the most," Larry Cote, co-ordinator of the college's marketing programs and supervisor of MANCO, said.

One woman contacted MANCO after she heard a telephone interview with the students on the radio. She had been riding on her tractor and went so far as to write their number in the dirt on the bumper.

The students talked to organizations and prepared rough drafts of brochures, posters, pamphlets, business cards and surveys. The organizations included the Welland Historical Museum, the Rose Festival, the Rape Crisis Centre, the YMCA, the Grape Growers, Women's Place, and the YWCA.

"We've seen our things in the community," Richard said. He saw a poster for All People's Day Care Centre and a Citizen Advocacy poster in the Seaway Mall.

Many people came to the supervisor acknowledging the project as a favorable concept. Some were disappointed that they had not heard about the group sooner.

"We had to turn people down near the end of August," Steve said. "Contracts kept coming."

Mr. Cote, who ran a similar program 10 years ago, said he will know soon whether he has to submit another application.

"My office gets so many requests ... some marketing-related projects," Mr. Cote said. "The students could accommodate them."

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Advice helps overcome stress

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

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It may sound like a CB code or a football play, but according to Jon Shearer of the Ontario Police College, it is the key to stress management.

Mr. Shearer, who spoke to law and security students in the Hamilton room Dec. 8, explained the code as follows: Relaxation, exercise, diet, communication, individuality and attitude. Mr. Shearer said the 40 is there "just to remind us that we all reach that age."

"You must be able to relax and do nothing," Mr. Shearer said. Exercise is very important for strength and endurance, and diet—if not proper—can be a negative aspect of stress."

Mr. Shearer stressed to the students that communication is the most vital area when dealing with stress management. "We all need to learn how to talk to someone, not at someone. We all need to be individuals as well and not be afraid of who we are and develop a positive attitude."

Since Mr. Shearer was speaking to law and security students, the main thrust of his speech paid particular attention to police stress.

"Policemen have the highest rate of heart attacks and it is not uncommon for a policeman to die of a heart attack."

Mr. Shearer explained that three main areas shape the lifestyle pattern: training a policeman receives; peer groups and the fact that society dislikes policemen.

"Some policemen develop a negative attitude toward society known as police cynicism," Mr. Shearer said. "Police need to see the positive side of society as well."

Mr. Shearer also said that police receive intensive training before they begin work and this is crucial in their future development. "A cop receives intensive training and this is where his police personality is formed."

A police personality is important to police work because "most police work is boring as shit."

Mr. Shearer teaches acute stress management training to policemen to aid them in coping with stress. The program is based on deep breathing and the success rate has been "phenominal."

Mr. Shearer helps policemen in an area that is special to their occupation—post-shooting traumas. Mr. Shearer said he is pro-police and that "you should never give up your dream of being a policeman."

Invaluable knowledge will help the whole college: Dr. Knowles

BY CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

The halls of the electrical electronics and chemical division seem a little empty without John Clark.

The chemical engineering co-ordinator is off on the first six-month sabbatical ever granted to a Niagara College instructor, and the knowledge he obtains "will be invaluable to the college when he returns," the dean of technology, Dr. Anthony Knowles, said.

Mr. Clark left on Jan. 3 for a six-month stint at the Ontario Centre for Microelectronics, a Crown corporation known as a leader in research and development.

"It's a real honor, definitely a feather in John's cap," Dr. Knowles said.

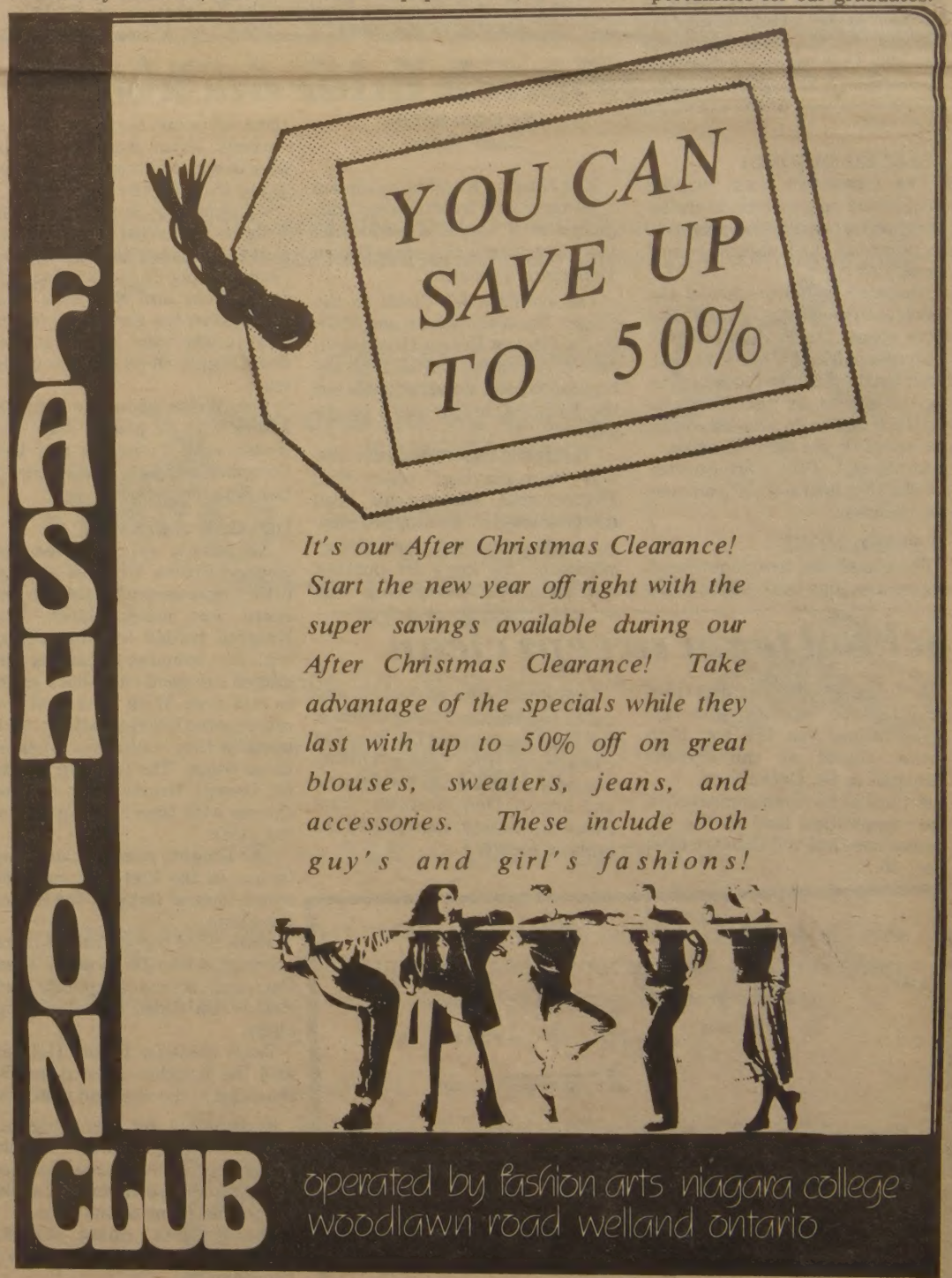
"There are not many people who get in there, and John has a fantastic opportunity."

Mr. Clark is designing complex integrated circuits and computer based equipment at the centre.

The Ottawa-based corporation actively sought his skills, and will be flying him home on weekends at company expense.

Mr. Clark, who has been at Niagara College for nine years, holds two degrees in electrical engineering, a bachelor's degree from General Motors Institute and a master's degree from University of Alberta.

He said he is pleased that the contacts he makes on the job "will be good for future placement opportunities for our graduates."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